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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to law enforcement officers;
amending s. 943.13, F.S.; requiring all
officers, as a minimum qualification for
employment or appointment, to attend a
specified amount of training on how to use a
Taser gun as a means of restraining and
arresting individuals suspected of criminal
activity; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (12) is added to section 943.13,
Florida Statutes, to read:

943.13 Officers' minimum qualifications for employment
or appointment.--On or after October 1, 1984, any person
employed or appointed as a full-time, part-time, or auxiliary
law enforcement officer or correctional officer; on or after
October 1, 1986, any person employed as a full-time,
part-time, or auxiliary correctional probation officer; and on
or after October 1, 1986, any person employed as a full-time,
part-time, or auxiliary correctional officer by a private
entity under contract to the Department of Corrections, to a
county commission, or to the Department of Management Services
shall:

(12) Complete 4 hours of training every 2 years in the
use of Tasers as a means of restraining and arresting
individuals suspected of criminal activity. The training shall
include instruction on the effect Tasers have upon persons who
are using controlled substances.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.

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SENATE SUMMARY

Requires all officers, as a minimum qualification for employment or appointment, to attend training courses on how to use a Taser gun as a means of restraining and arresting individuals suspected of criminal activity.