

By Senator Bennett

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1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to auxiliary law enforcement officers;
 3 creating s. 943.1305, F.S.; exempting certain
 4 applicants for employment as part-time auxiliary law
 5 enforcement officers from a requirement that they
 6 complete a basic training program; providing an
 7 effective date.

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

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 11 Section 1. Section 943.1305, Florida Statutes, is created
 12 to read:

13 943.1305 Minimum qualifications for certain part-time
 14 auxiliary law enforcement officers.-

15 (1) Notwithstanding s. 943.13(9), an applicant for
 16 employment as an auxiliary law enforcement officer may be
 17 granted an exemption from completing a commission-approved basic
 18 auxiliary training program if the applicant is not employed in a
 19 full-time paid capacity and if the applicant:

20 (a) Submits verification from the employing agency or
 21 criminal justice selection center that the applicant has
 22 successfully completed a comparable basic auxiliary law
 23 enforcement training program in another state;

24 (b) Demonstrates proficiency in high-liability areas, as
 25 defined by commission rule;

26 (c) Has served as an auxiliary law enforcement officer in
 27 another state for at least 1 year, with a maximum 8-year break
 28 in service from the separation date of the applicant's most
 29 recent qualifying service until the date the complete

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30 application is submitted; and

31 (d) Complies with the requirements of s. 943.13(1)-(8).

32 (2) A person who qualifies as an auxiliary officer pursuant
33 to this section must comply with the requirements of section
34 943.13(9) and complete a commission-approved basic recruit
35 training program before being employed in any capacity as a paid
36 law enforcement officer or correctional officer in this state.

37 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.