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Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Judiciary Committee Representative Trujillo offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 322 and 323, insert:

Section 7. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) and subsection (2) of section 944.35, Florida Statutes, is amended to read, and subsection (5) is added to that section to read:

9 944.35 Authorized use of force; malicious battery and
10 sexual misconduct prohibited; reporting required; penalties.-

(1) (a) An employee of the department is authorized to apply physical force upon an inmate only when and to the extent that it reasonably appears necessary:

To defend himself or herself or another against such
 other imminent use of unlawful force;

16 2. To prevent a person from escaping from a state 17 correctional institution when the officer reasonably believes

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18 that person is lawfully detained in such institution; 19 To prevent damage to property; 3. 20 4. To quell a disturbance; To overcome physical resistance to a lawful command; or 21 5. 22 6. To administer medical treatment only by or under the 23 supervision of a physician or his or her designee and only: 24 When treatment is necessary to protect the health of a. 25 other persons, as in the case of contagious or venereal 26 diseases; or 27 b. When treatment is offered in satisfaction of a duty to 28 protect the inmate against self-inflicted injury or death. 29 30 As part of the correctional officer training program, the 31 Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission shall develop a course specifically designed to explain the parameters of this 32 subsection and to teach the proper methods and techniques in 33 34 applying authorized physical force upon an inmate. Effective October 1, 2015, this course shall include specialized training 35 for effectively managing in nonforceful ways mentally ill 36 37 inmates who may exhibit erratic behavior. Each employee of the department who either applies 38 (2) physical force or was responsible for making the decision to 39 apply physical force upon an inmate or an offender supervised by 40 41 the department in the community pursuant to this subsection 42 shall prepare, date, and sign under oath an independent report 43 within 1 working day of the incident. The report shall be

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44 delivered to the warden or the circuit administrator, who shall 45 forward the report with all appropriate documentation to the 46 office of the inspector general. The inspector general shall 47 conduct a review and make recommendations regarding the 48 appropriateness or inappropriateness of the use of force. If the 49 inspector general finds that the use of force was appropriate, 50 the employee's report, together with the inspector general's 51 written determination of the appropriateness of the force used 52 and the reasons therefor, shall be forwarded to the circuit 53 administrator or warden upon completion of the review. If the 54 inspector general finds that the use of force was inappropriate, 55 the inspector general shall conduct a complete investigation 56 into the incident and forward the findings of fact to the 57 appropriate regional director for further action. Copies of the 58 employee's report and the inspector general's review shall be kept in the files of the inmate or the offender supervised by 59 60 the department in the community. A notation of each incident 61 involving use of force and the outcome based on the inspector general's evaluation shall be kept in the employee's file. 62

(5) The department shall establish a usage and inventory
policy to track, by institution, the use of chemical agents and
the disposal of expired, used, or damaged canisters of chemical
agents. The policy shall include, but not be limited to, a
requirement that a numbered seal be affixed to each chemical
agent canister in such a manner that the canister cannot be
removed from the carrier without breaking the seal. All

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70 canisters in the carriers will be checked out at the beginning 71 of each shift and checked back in at the end of the shift. The 72 shift supervisor should be charged with verifying the condition 73 of the numbered seals and periodically weighing random canisters 74 to insure that they have not been used without the required 75 documentation. All nonreactionary use of force incidents using 76 chemical agents shall be videotaped. 77 78 TITLE AMENDMENT 79 Remove line 38 and insert: 80 circumstances; amending s. 944.35, F.S.; requiring the Criminal 81 82 Justice Standards and Training Commission to include specialized training for effectively managing in nonforceful ways mentally 83 ill inmates who may exhibit erratic behavior as part of the 84 correctional officer training program; requiring that reports of 85 86 physical force be signed under oath; requiring the department to establish policies relating to the use of chemical agents; 87 requiring all nonreactionary use of force incidents using 88 89 chemical agents be videotaped; providing an appropriation; 90 amending s.

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