

HB 1281

2016

1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to autism awareness training for law  
3 enforcement officers; creating s. 943.1727, F.S.;  
4 requiring the Department of Law Enforcement to  
5 establish a continued employment training component  
6 relating to autism spectrum disorder; specifying  
7 instruction to be included in the training component;  
8 providing that completion of the training may count  
9 toward continued employment instruction requirements;  
10 providing an effective date.

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

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14 Section 1. Section 943.1727, Florida Statutes, is created  
15 to read:

16 943.1727 Continued employment training relating to  
17 autism.—The department shall establish a continued employment  
18 training component relating to autism spectrum disorder with a  
19 minimum of 4 hours of in-person instruction. The training  
20 component shall include, but need not be limited to, instruction  
21 on the recognition of the symptoms and idiosyncrasies of an  
22 individual on the autism disorder spectrum and appropriate  
23 responses to a person exhibiting such symptoms and  
24 idiosyncrasies. Completion of the training component may count  
25 toward the 40 hours of instruction for continued employment or  
26 appointment as a law enforcement officer required under s.

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28 |       Section 2.   This act shall take effect October 1, 2016.