

1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to the Criminal Justice Standards and
3 Training Commission; amending s. 943.12, F.S.;
4 requiring the Criminal Justice Standards and Training
5 Commission to develop and administer an examination of
6 basic abilities for all officer candidates entering
7 basic recruit training for law enforcement and for
8 corrections; authorizing rulemaking; providing for
9 standards; amending s. 943.17, F.S.; conforming a
10 provision; providing for a fee for the basic abilities
11 examination; providing for disposition of funds;
12 specifying when the examination fee takes effect;
13 providing an effective date.

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

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17 Section 1. Subsection (18) is added to section 943.12,
18 Florida Statutes, to read:

19 943.12 Powers, duties, and functions of the commission.—
20 The commission shall:

21 (18) On or before January 1, 2018, implement, administer,
22 maintain, and revise an examination of basic abilities for all
23 applicants for basic recruit training for law enforcement and
24 corrections. The commission shall, by rule, establish procedures
25 for the administration of the basic abilities examination.
26 Further, the commission shall establish standards of acceptable

27 performance on the examination.

28 Section 2. Paragraph (g) of subsection (1) of section
 29 943.17, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (h) is added
 30 to that subsection, to read:

31 943.17 Basic recruit, advanced, and career development
 32 training programs; participation; cost; evaluation.—The
 33 commission shall, by rule, design, implement, maintain,
 34 evaluate, and revise entry requirements and job-related
 35 curricula and performance standards for basic recruit, advanced,
 36 and career development training programs and courses. The rules
 37 shall include, but are not limited to, a methodology to assess
 38 relevance of the subject matter to the job, student performance,
 39 and instructor competency.

40 (1) The commission shall:

41 (g) Ensure ~~Assure~~ that entrance into the basic recruit
 42 training program for law enforcement and correctional officers
 43 be limited to those who have passed a basic abilities ~~skills~~
 44 examination ~~and assessment instrument~~, based on a job task
 45 analysis in each discipline and adopted by the commission.

46 (h) Set a fee for the basic abilities examination, not to
 47 exceed \$75. The fee applies to one scheduled examination attempt
 48 and is not refundable if the applicant does not appear for the
 49 examination. Fees collected pursuant to this paragraph shall be
 50 deposited in the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Trust
 51 Fund. This paragraph shall take effect upon the implementation
 52 of the revised basic abilities examination on or before January

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53 | 1, 2018, as specified in s. 943.12(18).

54 | Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.