

HB 853

2016

1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to law enforcement officer training;  
3           amending s. 943.1716, F.S.; expanding the instruction  
4           that the Criminal Justice Standards and Training  
5           Commission requires of a law enforcement officer to  
6           include interpersonal skills relating to racial  
7           minorities; providing an 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 943.1716, Florida Statutes, is amended  
12           to read:

13           943.1716 Continued employment training relating to diverse  
14           populations.—The commission shall by rule require that each  
15           officer receive, as part of the 40 hours of required instruction  
16           for continued employment or appointment as an officer,  
17           instruction in the subject of interpersonal skills relating to  
18           diverse populations and racial minorities, with an emphasis on  
19           the awareness of cultural differences, how racial bias impacts  
20           interactions with racial minorities, and ways to combat inherent  
21           biases.

22           Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.