

By Senator Thurston

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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 an online continued employment training
6 component relating to autism spectrum disorder;
7 specifying instruction to be included in the training
8 component; providing that completion of the training
9 may count toward continued employment instruction
10 requirements; 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 autism.-
17 The department shall establish an online continued employment
18 training component relating to autism spectrum disorder. The
19 training component must include, but need not be limited to,
20 instruction on the recognition of the symptoms and
21 idiosyncrasies of an individual on the autism disorder spectrum
22 and appropriate responses to a person exhibiting such symptoms
23 and idiosyncrasies. Completion of the training component may
24 count toward the 40 hours of instruction for continued
25 employment or appointment as a law enforcement officer required
26 under s. 943.135.

27 Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2017.