

By Senator Torres

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to support for parental victims of
3 child domestic violence; amending s. 984.11, F.S.;
4 requiring the Department of Juvenile Justice and the
5 Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence to
6 collaborate to develop and maintain updated
7 information and materials regarding specified services
8 and resources; requiring the department to make the
9 information and materials available through specified
10 means; amending s. 943.171, F.S.; requiring domestic
11 violence training for law enforcement officers to
12 include training concerning child-to-parent cases;
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 (5) is added to section 984.11,
18 Florida Statutes, to read:

19 984.11 Services to families in need of services.—

20 (5) The department and the Florida Coalition Against
21 Domestic Violence shall collaborate to develop and maintain
22 updated information and materials describing resources and
23 services available to parents and legal custodians who are
24 victims of domestic violence committed by children or who fear
25 that they will become victims of such acts and to children who
26 have committed acts of domestic violence or who demonstrate
27 behaviors that may escalate into domestic violence. Such
28 resources and services shall include, but are not limited to,
29 those available under this chapter, domestic violence services

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30 available under chapter 39, and juvenile justice services
31 available pursuant to chapter 985, including prevention,
32 diversion, detention, and alternative placements. The materials
33 shall describe how parents and legal custodians may access the
34 resources and services in their local area. The department shall
35 post this information on its website and make the materials
36 available to certified domestic violence centers, other
37 organizations serving victims of domestic violence, clerks of
38 court, law enforcement agencies, and other appropriate
39 organizations for distribution to the public.

40 Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 943.171, Florida
41 Statutes, is amended to read:

42 943.171 Basic skills training in handling domestic violence
43 cases.—

44 (1) The commission shall establish standards for
45 instruction of law enforcement officers in the subject of
46 domestic violence. Every basic skills course required in order
47 for law enforcement officers to obtain initial certification
48 shall, ~~after January 1, 1986,~~ include a minimum of 6 hours of
49 training in handling domestic violence cases. Such training must
50 include training in the recognition and determination of the
51 primary aggressor in domestic violence cases and the issues
52 involved in child-to-parent cases.

53 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.