

By the Committee on Rules; and 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. 984.071, F.S.;
4 deleting obsolete language; requiring the Department
5 of Juvenile Justice, in collaboration with specified
6 organizations, 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. Section 984.071, Florida Statutes, is amended to
18 read:

19 984.071 Resources and information ~~packet~~.—

20 (1) The Department of Juvenile Justice, in collaboration
21 with the Department of Children and Families and the Department
22 of Education, shall develop and publish an information packet
23 that explains the current process under this chapter for
24 obtaining assistance for a child in need of services or a family
25 in need of services and the community services and resources
26 available to parents of troubled or runaway children. In
27 preparing the information packet, the Department of Juvenile
28 Justice shall work with school district superintendents,
29 juvenile court judges, county sheriffs, and other local law

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30 enforcement officials in order to ensure that the information
31 packet lists services and resources that are currently available
32 within the county in which the packet is distributed. Each
33 information packet shall be annually updated ~~and shall be~~
34 ~~available for distribution by January 1, 1998.~~ The school
35 district shall distribute this information packet to parents of
36 truant children and to other parents upon request or as deemed
37 appropriate by the school district. In addition, the Department
38 of Juvenile Justice shall distribute the information packet to
39 state and local law enforcement agencies. Any law enforcement
40 officer who has contact with the parent of a child who is locked
41 out of the home or who runs away from home shall make the
42 information available to the parent.

43 (2) The department, in collaboration with organizations
44 that provide expertise, training, and advocacy in the areas of
45 family and domestic violence, shall develop and maintain updated
46 information and materials describing resources and services
47 available to parents and legal custodians who are victims of
48 domestic violence committed by children or who fear that they
49 will become victims of such acts and to children who have
50 committed acts of domestic violence or who demonstrate behaviors
51 that may escalate into domestic violence. Such resources and
52 services shall include, but are not limited to, those available
53 under this chapter, domestic violence services available under
54 chapter 39, and juvenile justice services available pursuant to
55 chapter 985, including prevention, diversion, detention, and
56 alternative placements. The materials shall describe how parents
57 and legal custodians may access the resources and services in
58 their local area. The department shall post this information on

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59 its website and make the materials available to certified
60 domestic violence centers, other organizations serving victims
61 of domestic violence, clerks of court, law enforcement agencies,
62 and other appropriate organizations for distribution to the
63 public.

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

66 943.171 Basic skills training in handling domestic violence
67 cases.—

68 (1) The commission shall establish standards for
69 instruction of law enforcement officers in the subject of
70 domestic violence. Every basic skills course required in order
71 for law enforcement officers to obtain initial certification
72 shall, ~~after January 1, 1986,~~ include a minimum of 6 hours of
73 training in handling domestic violence cases. Such training must
74 include training in the recognition and determination of the
75 primary aggressor in domestic violence cases and the issues
76 involved in child-to-parent cases.

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