

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 implement, administer, maintain, and
 6 revise a basic abilities examination by a specified
 7 date; requiring the commission to establish specified
 8 procedures and standards; amending s. 943.17, F.S.;
 9 requiring the commission to set a fee for the basic
 10 abilities examination; requiring a nonrefundable fee
 11 for each examination attempt; requiring that
 12 examination fees be deposited in the Criminal Justice
 13 Standards and Training Trust Fund; providing a
 14 condition for when the examination fee takes effect;
 15 reenacting s. 943.173(3), F.S., relating to
 16 examinations, administration, and materials not being
 17 public records, to incorporate the amendment made to
 18 s. 943.17, F.S., in a reference thereto; reenacting
 19 and amending s. 943.25(2), F.S., relating to criminal
 20 justice trust funds; conforming a provision to changes
 21 made by the act; providing an effective date.

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

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 25 Section 1. Subsection (18) is added to section 943.12,

26 Florida Statutes, to read:

27 943.12 Powers, duties, and functions of the commission.—

28 The commission shall:

29 (18) On or before January 1, 2019, implement, administer,
 30 maintain, and revise a basic abilities examination for all
 31 applicants for basic recruit training in law enforcement and
 32 corrections. The commission shall establish by rule procedures
 33 for the administration of the basic abilities examination. The
 34 commission shall also establish standards for acceptable
 35 performance on the examination.

36 Section 2. Paragraph (g) of subsection (1) of section
 37 943.17, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (h) is added
 38 to that subsection, to read:

39 943.17 Basic recruit, advanced, and career development
 40 training programs; participation; cost; evaluation.—The
 41 commission shall, by rule, design, implement, maintain,
 42 evaluate, and revise entry requirements and job-related
 43 curricula and performance standards for basic recruit, advanced,
 44 and career development training programs and courses. The rules
 45 shall include, but are not limited to, a methodology to assess
 46 relevance of the subject matter to the job, student performance,
 47 and instructor competency.

48 (1) The commission shall:

49 (g) Assure that entrance into the basic recruit training
 50 program for law enforcement and correctional officers be limited

51 to those who have passed a basic abilities ~~skills~~ examination
52 ~~and assessment instrument~~, based on a job task analysis in each
53 discipline and adopted by the commission.

54 (h) Set a basic abilities examination fee by rule that
55 solely offsets department costs to design, implement, maintain,
56 revise, and administer the examination. The fee shall not exceed
57 \$23 per examination, so as to not cause an undue financial
58 burden on those individuals seeking to enter the professions of
59 law enforcement or corrections. The fee applies to one scheduled
60 examination attempt and is not refundable. Fees collected
61 pursuant to this paragraph shall be deposited in the Criminal
62 Justice Standards and Training Trust Fund.

63 Section 3. Paragraph (h) of subsection (1) of s. 943.17,
64 Florida Statutes, as created by this act, shall take effect upon
65 the implementation of the revised basic abilities examination on
66 or before January 1, 2019, as specified in s. 943.12(18),
67 Florida Statutes.

68 Section 4. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment
69 made by this act to section 943.17, Florida Statutes, in a
70 reference thereto, subsection (3) of section 943.173, Florida
71 Statutes, is reenacted to read:

72 943.173 Examinations; administration; materials not public
73 records; disposal of materials.—

74 (3) All examinations, assessments, and instruments and the
75 results of examinations, other than test scores on officer

76 certification examinations, including developmental materials
77 and workpapers directly related thereto, prepared, prescribed,
78 or administered pursuant to ss. 943.13(9) or (10) and 943.17 are
79 exempt from the provisions of s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I
80 of the State Constitution. Provisions governing access to,
81 maintenance of, and destruction of relevant documents pursuant
82 to this section shall be prescribed by rules adopted by the
83 commission.

84 Section 5. Subsection (2) of section 943.25, Florida
85 Statutes, is reenacted and amended to read:

86 943.25 Criminal justice trust funds; source of funds; use
87 of funds.—

88 (2) There is created, within the Department of Law
89 Enforcement, the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Trust
90 Fund for the purpose of providing for the payment of necessary
91 and proper expenses incurred by the operation of the commission
92 and the Criminal Justice Professionalism Program and providing
93 commission-approved criminal justice advanced and specialized
94 training and criminal justice training school enhancements and
95 of establishing the provisions of s. 943.17 and developing the
96 specific tests provided under s. 943.12 ~~943.12(9)~~. The program
97 shall administer the Criminal Justice Standards and Training
98 Trust Fund and shall report the status of the fund at each
99 regularly scheduled commission meeting.

100 Section 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.