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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.—The
28 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

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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 fee, not to exceed \$50, for the basic abilities
55 examination. The fee applies to one scheduled examination
56 attempt and is not refundable. Fees collected pursuant to this
57 paragraph shall be deposited in the Criminal Justice Standards
58 and Training Trust Fund. This paragraph shall take effect upon
59 the implementation of the revised basic abilities examination on
60 or before January 1, 2019, as specified in s. 943.12(18).

61 Section 3. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment

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62 made by this act to section 943.17, Florida Statutes, in a
63 reference thereto, subsection (3) of section 943.173, Florida
64 Statutes, is reenacted to read:

65 943.173 Examinations; administration; materials not public
66 records; disposal of materials.—

67 (3) All examinations, assessments, and instruments and the
68 results of examinations, other than test scores on officer
69 certification examinations, including developmental materials
70 and workpapers directly related thereto, prepared, prescribed,
71 or administered pursuant to ss. 943.13(9) or (10) and 943.17 are
72 exempt from the provisions of s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I
73 of the State Constitution. Provisions governing access to,
74 maintenance of, and destruction of relevant documents pursuant
75 to this section shall be prescribed by rules adopted by the
76 commission.

77 Section 4. Subsection (2) of section 943.25, Florida
78 Statutes, is reenacted and amended to read:

79 943.25 Criminal justice trust funds; source of funds; use
80 of funds.—

81 (2) There is created, within the Department of Law
82 Enforcement, the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Trust
83 Fund for the purpose of providing for the payment of necessary
84 and proper expenses incurred by the operation of the commission
85 and the Criminal Justice Professionalism Program and providing
86 commission-approved criminal justice advanced and specialized
87 training and criminal justice training school enhancements and
88 of establishing the provisions of s. 943.17 and developing the
89 specific tests provided under s. 943.12 ~~s. 943.12(9)~~. The
90 program shall administer the Criminal Justice Standards and

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91 Training Trust Fund and shall report the status of the fund at
92 each regularly scheduled commission meeting.

93 Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.