

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 a continued employment training component
6 relating to autism spectrum disorder; specifying
7 instruction to be included in the training component;
8 providing that completion of the training may count
9 toward continued employment instruction requirements;
10 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
17 autism.—The department shall establish a continued employment
18 training component relating to autism spectrum disorder with a
19 minimum of 4 hours of in-person instruction. The training
20 component shall include, but need not be limited to, instruction
21 on the recognition of the symptoms and idiosyncrasies of an
22 individual on the autism disorder spectrum and appropriate
23 responses to a person exhibiting such symptoms and
24 idiosyncrasies. Completion of the training component may count
25 toward the 40 hours of instruction for continued employment or

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26 | appointment as a law enforcement officer required under s.
27 | 943.135.

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