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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to de-escalation training; defining
3 the term "de-escalation training"; creating the De-
4 escalation Training Pilot Program within the
5 Department of Law Enforcement; requiring the
6 department to administer the program and to conduct an
7 open and competitive process for awarding grants to
8 establish local programs in a specified number of
9 counties and municipalities; requiring each program to
10 implement and conduct de-escalation training for law
11 enforcement officers within its jurisdiction and to
12 submit annual reports by a certain date to the
13 department; requiring the department to submit annual
14 reports to the Governor and the Legislature;
15 authorizing the department to adopt rules; providing
16 for termination of the pilot program; providing an
17 effective date.

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

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21 Section 1. De-escalation Training Pilot Program.-

22 (1) As used in this act, the term "de-escalation training"
23 means methods and tactics used by law enforcement officers to
24 decrease the severity or volatility of encounters with members
25 of the public when use of force or immediate action is not
26 mandated or required to protect the safety of law enforcement
27 officers or the public safety.

28 (2) The De-escalation Training Pilot Program is created
29 within the Department of Law Enforcement, to be funded by the

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30 Office of Criminal Justice Grants within the department.

31 (3) The department shall administer the program and shall
32 conduct an open and competitive process for awarding grants to
33 establish six local programs, three of them in counties and
34 three of them in municipalities located in other counties, in
35 diverse areas of the state.

36 (4) Each local program shall implement and conduct de-
37 escalation training for law enforcement officers within its
38 jurisdiction and shall submit a report to the department by each
39 July 1 on the status of implementation of the program and the
40 results of the training for the previous 12 months. The
41 department shall compile the information submitted by the
42 programs and submit an annual report to the Governor, the
43 President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of
44 Representatives, and appropriate substantive committees of the
45 Legislature.

46 (5) The department may adopt rules to administer this act.

47 (6) The program expires on June 30, 2021.

48 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.