

By Senator Powell

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to mental illness training for law  
3       enforcement officers; creating s. 943.17161, F.S.;  
4       requiring the Department of Law Enforcement to  
5       establish a continued employment training component  
6       relating to mental illness; defining the term "mental  
7       illness"; specifying instruction to be included in the  
8       training component; providing that completion of the  
9       training may count toward continued employment or  
10      appointment instruction requirements; providing an  
11      effective date.

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

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15       Section 1. Section 943.17161, Florida Statutes, is created  
16      to read:

17       943.17161 Continued employment training relating to mental  
18      illness.—The department shall establish a continued employment  
19      training component relating to mental illness as defined in s.  
20      394.455. The training component shall include, but need not be  
21      limited to, instruction on the recognition of the symptoms and  
22      characteristics of an individual with a mental illness and  
23      appropriate responses to an individual exhibiting such symptoms  
24      and characteristics. Completion of the training component may  
25      count toward the 40 hours of instruction for continued  
26      employment or appointment as a law enforcement officer required  
27      under s. 943.135.

28       Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2018.