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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to correctional officers; providing
3 legislative intent; amending s. 943.10, F.S.; revising
4 the definition of the term "correctional officer";
5 providing an effective date.

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7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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9 Section 1. The intent of this act is to afford a
10 correctional officer the benefits of the federal Law Enforcement
11 Officers Safety Act relating to the carrying of concealed
12 firearms by revising the definition of the term "correctional
13 officer" to conform to the definition of the term "qualified law
14 enforcement officer" as it is used in the federal act.

15 Section 2. Subsection (2) of section 943.10, Florida
16 Statutes, is amended to read:

17 943.10 Definitions; ss. 943.085-943.255.—The following
18 words and phrases as used in ss. 943.085-943.255 are defined as
19 follows:

20 (2) "Correctional officer" means any person who is
21 appointed or employed full time by the state or any political
22 subdivision thereof, or by any private entity which has
23 contracted with the state or county, and whose primary
24 responsibility is the supervision, protection, care, custody,
25 and control, or investigation, of inmates within a correctional
26 institution; however, the term "correctional officer" does not
27 include any secretarial, clerical, or professionally trained
28 personnel. A correctional officer is vested with the authority
29 to bear arms.

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Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.