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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to corrections specialists; creating
3 s. 943.1311, F.S.; authorizing the Department of
4 Corrections to employ or appoint a person as a
5 corrections specialist if that person is at least 18
6 years of age and meets specified criteria; prohibiting
7 a person from being employed or appointed for longer
8 than a certain period of time; providing exceptions;
9 prohibiting a corrections specialist program
10 participant from supervising inmates; specifying the
11 duties that a person employed or appointed as a
12 corrections specialist is authorized to perform;
13 providing an effective date.
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15 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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17 Section 1. Section 943.1311, Florida Statutes, is created
18 to read:

19 943.1311 Corrections Specialist Program.—

20 (1) (a) The Department of Corrections may employ or appoint
21 a person as a corrections specialist if he or she is at least 18
22 years of age, complies with all the qualifications for
23 employment specified in s. 943.13(2)-(8), and, if he or she has
24 not fulfilled the requirements of s. 943.13(9) and (10), he or
25 she is enrolled in an approved basic recruit training program
26 available in the geographic area.

27 (b) A person may not be employed or appointed as a
28 corrections specialist under this section for more than 30
29 months. However, a person who is employed or appointed as a

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30 corrections specialist and is attending the first available
31 training program offered in his or her geographic area may
32 continue to be employed or appointed until he or she:

33 1. Fails or withdraws from the basic recruit training
34 program; or

35 2. Is separated from employment or appointment by the
36 employing agency.

37 (2) A person employed or appointed under this section may
38 not supervise inmates, but may perform all of the other duties
39 performed by a person temporarily employed or appointed under s.
40 943.131.

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