

By the Committee on Criminal Justice; and Senator Brandes

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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to correctional officers; amending s.
3 943.13, F.S.; authorizing a full-time, part-time, or
4 auxiliary correctional officer to be employed at 18
5 years of age; creating s. 944.145, F.S.; prohibiting a
6 correctional officer who is under 19 years of age from
7 supervising inmates; authorizing a correctional
8 officer who is under 19 years of age to perform all
9 other tasks performed by a full-time, part-time, or
10 auxiliary correctional officer; providing an effective
11 date.

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

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15 Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 943.13, Florida
16 Statutes, is amended to read

17 943.13 Officers' minimum qualifications for employment or
18 appointment.—On or after October 1, 1984, any person employed or
19 appointed as a full-time, part-time, or auxiliary law
20 enforcement officer or correctional officer; on or after October
21 1, 1986, any person employed as a full-time, part-time, or
22 auxiliary correctional probation officer; and on or after
23 October 1, 1986, any person employed as a full-time, part-time,
24 or auxiliary correctional officer by a private entity under
25 contract to the Department of Corrections, to a county
26 commission, or to the Department of Management Services shall:

27 (1) Be at least 19 years of age, except that any person
28 employed as a full-time, part-time, or auxiliary correctional
29 officer may be at least 18 years of age.

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30 Section 2. Section 944.145, Florida Statutes, is created to
31 read:

32 944.145 Correctional officers under the age of 19.—A
33 correctional officer who is under the age of 19 years may not
34 supervise inmates, but may perform all of the other duties
35 performed by a full-time, part-time, or auxiliary correctional
36 officer.

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