

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; requiring that the
7 training component include instruction on the
8 recognition of and appropriate responses to
9 individuals exhibiting certain symptoms or
10 characteristics; authorizing completion of the
11 training to count toward continued employment or
12 appointment instruction requirements; providing an
13 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 943.17161, Florida Statutes, is created
18 to read:

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

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Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2021.