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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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House

Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice (Book)
recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause
and insert:

Section 1. Section 154.012, Florida Statutes, is created to
read:

154.012 Sexual assault response teams; membership; duties.-

(1) The health department in every county in this state, or
its designee, shall participate in the local sexual assault
response team coordinated by the certified rape crisis center



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11 serving the county if such a team exists. If a local sexual
12 assault response team does not exist, the certified rape crisis
13 center serving the county may coordinate with community partners
14 to establish a local or a regional team. The purpose of the
15 sexual assault response team is to ensure a coordinated
16 multidisciplinary response to sexual violence.

17 (2) Each team shall develop a written protocol to govern
18 the team's response to sexual assault which includes:

19 (a) The role and responsibilities of each team member.

20 (b) Procedural issues regarding the immediate crisis and
21 health care and law enforcement responses and followup services
22 provided to a victim.

23 (c) Procedures for the preservation, secure storage, and
24 destruction of evidence from a sexual assault evidence kit,
25 including length of storage, site of storage, and chain of
26 custody.

27 (d) Procedures for maintaining the confidentiality of the
28 victim regarding the forensic medical examination.

29 (3) Membership of each team shall be determined by the
30 certified rape crisis center in collaboration with community
31 partners. At a minimum, membership should include the following
32 persons or their designees:

33 (a) The director of the local certified rape crisis center;

34 (b) A representative from the county health department;

35 (c) The state attorney;

36 (d) The chief of police;

37 (e) The county sheriff;

38 (f) Forensic sexual assault nurse examiners; and

39 (g) A representative from local hospital emergency



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40 departments.

41 (4) The Florida Council Against Sexual Violence shall
42 provide technical assistance relating to the development and
43 implementation of the teams.

44 (5) Each team shall promote and support the use of
45 qualified sexual assault forensic examiners who have
46 successfully completed a minimum of 40 hours of specialized
47 training in the provision of trauma-informed medical care and in
48 the collection of evidence for sexual assault victims.

49 Section 2. Subsection (7) is added to section 943.17,
50 Florida Statutes, to read:

51 943.17 Basic recruit, advanced, and career development
52 training programs; participation; cost; evaluation.—The
53 commission shall, by rule, design, implement, maintain,
54 evaluate, and revise entry requirements and job-related
55 curricula and performance standards for basic recruit, advanced,
56 and career development training programs and courses. The rules
57 shall include, but are not limited to, a methodology to assess
58 relevance of the subject matter to the job, student performance,
59 and instructor competency.

60 (7) The commission, in consultation with the Florida
61 Council Against Sexual Violence, shall establish minimum
62 standards for basic and advanced career development training
63 programs for law enforcement officers that include a culturally
64 responsive trauma-informed response to sexual assault. After
65 July 1, 2022, every basic skills course required for law
66 enforcement officers to obtain initial and continuing education
67 certification must include training on culturally responsive
68 trauma-informed interviewing of sexual assault victims and



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69 investigations of alleged sexual assaults.

70 Section 3. Section 943.1724, Florida Statutes, is created
71 to read:

72 943.1724 Training on sexual assault.-

73 (1) The commission shall incorporate a culturally
74 responsive trauma-informed response to sexual assault into the
75 course curriculum required for a law enforcement officer to
76 obtain initial certification.

77 (2) Each law enforcement officer must successfully complete
78 training on sexual violence and interviewing and investigations
79 of sexual assault victims, with an emphasis on culturally
80 responsive trauma-informed interviewing of sexual assault
81 victims and alleged sexual assault investigations as a part of
82 the basic recruit training, as required under s. 943.13(9),
83 training required under s. 943.131(4) (a), or as a part of
84 continuing training or education required under s. 943.135(1),
85 before July 1, 2024. If an officer fails to complete the
86 required training, his or her certification must be placed on
87 inactive status until the employing agency notifies the
88 commission that the officer has completed the training.

89 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.

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91 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

92 And the title is amended as follows:

93 Delete everything before the enacting clause
94 and insert:

95 A bill to be entitled
96 An act relating to victims of sexual offenses;
97 creating s. 154.012, F.S.; requiring counties to



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98 establish sexual assault response teams; providing for
99 duties, membership, and technical assistance;
100 requiring teams to promote the use of sexual assault
101 forensic examiners meeting certain requirements;
102 amending s. 943.17, F.S.; requiring the Criminal
103 Justice Standards and Training Commission, in
104 consultation with the Florida Council Against Sexual
105 Violence, to establish minimum standards for basic and
106 advanced career development training programs for law
107 enforcement officers that include a culturally
108 responsive trauma-informed response to sexual assault;
109 requiring every basic skills course for law
110 enforcement officers to include certain training by a
111 specified date; creating s. 943.1724, F.S.; requiring
112 the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission
113 to incorporate a culturally responsive trauma-informed
114 response to sexual assault into a certain course
115 curriculum; requiring each certified law enforcement
116 officer to successfully complete a specified number of
117 hours of training on sexual violence and interviewing
118 of sexual assault victims and investigations of
119 alleged sexual assault within a specified timeframe;
120 providing requirements for current law enforcement
121 officers; providing an effective date.