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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to early intervention systems for law
3 enforcement officers; creating s. 943.6875, F.S.;
4 providing legislative findings and intent; requiring
5 every law enforcement agency to create an early
6 intervention system to track and identify potentially
7 damaging patterns of behavior by law enforcement
8 officers; providing risk indicators; providing an
9 effective date.

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

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13 Section 1. Section 943.6875, Florida Statutes, is created
14 to read:

15 943.6875 Early intervention systems for law enforcement
16 officers.—

17 (1) The Legislature finds that a small percentage of law
18 enforcement officers is responsible for a disproportionate
19 number of excessive force complaints received by law enforcement
20 agencies. The Legislature also finds that proactive and early
21 identification of that small percentage of law enforcement
22 officers and intervention through mentorship, counseling, and
23 additional training may lead to positive outcomes in the careers
24 of such officers and in their encounters with the public.

25 (2) The Legislature intends for all law enforcement
26 agencies in this state to create early intervention systems to
27 proactively identify law enforcement officers who are likely to
28 engage in potentially damaging behaviors, such as excessive
29 force, before such behaviors occur in order to protect such

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30 officers, other law enforcement officers, and the members of the
31 public with whom they interact and to offer intervention through
32 mentorship, counseling, and additional training.

33 (3) Every law enforcement agency in this state shall create
34 an early intervention system to track and identify potentially
35 damaging patterns of behavior by law enforcement officers.

36 (4) Risk indicators to track which may identify potentially
37 damaging patterns of behavior by law enforcement officers
38 include, but need not be limited to:

39 (a) Complaints against an individual law enforcement
40 officer or a group of law enforcement officers.

41 (b) Frequency and severity of disciplinary incidents.

42 (c) Incidents involving use of force.

43 (d) Incidents involving use of deadly force.

44 (e) Arrests made by a law enforcement officer of
45 individuals for resisting arrest.

46 (f) Reports of injuries suffered by a law enforcement
47 officer.

48 (g) Vehicle accidents involving a law enforcement officer.

49 (h) Civil litigation filed against a law enforcement
50 officer.

51 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.