

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to mental health crisis intervention
 3 training for law enforcement officers; amending s.
 4 943.17, F.S.; providing requirements for mental health
 5 crisis intervention skills training for law
 6 enforcement officers; providing an effective date.

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

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 10 Section 1. Subsection (8) is added to section 943.17,
 11 Florida Statutes, to read:

12 943.17 Basic recruit, advanced, and career development
 13 training programs; participation; cost; evaluation.—The
 14 commission shall, by rule, design, implement, maintain,
 15 evaluate, and revise entry requirements and job-related
 16 curricula and performance standards for basic recruit, advanced,
 17 and career development training programs and courses. The rules
 18 shall include, but are not limited to, a methodology to assess
 19 relevance of the subject matter to the job, student performance,
 20 and instructor competency.

21 (8) By July 1, 2025, the commission, in consultation with
 22 a national organization with expertise in mental health crisis
 23 intervention, shall establish minimum standards for basic skills
 24 and continued education training for law enforcement officers
 25 that includes mental health crisis intervention training. The

26 | training shall improve officers' knowledge and skills as first
27 | responders to incidents involving persons with emotional
28 | disturbance or mental illness, including those with co-occurring
29 | substance use disorders, and incorporating de-escalation skills
30 | to ensure an effective law enforcement response and officer
31 | safety. Thereafter, every basic skills course curriculum
32 | required for law enforcement officers to obtain their initial
33 | certification shall include a 40-hour curriculum on mental
34 | health crisis intervention and a minimum of 8 hours of
35 | continuing education courses annually.

36 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.