

By the Committee on Criminal Justice; and Senators Burgess and Perry

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to Alzheimer's disease and related
3 dementia training for law enforcement officers;
4 creating s. 943.17299, F.S.; requiring the Department
5 of Law Enforcement to establish an online, continued
6 employment training component relating to Alzheimer's
7 disease and related forms of dementia; requiring that
8 the training component be developed with the
9 Department of Elder Affairs; specifying instruction
10 requirements for the training component; authorizing
11 the completion of such training to count toward a
12 certain requirement; providing an effective date.

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

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16 Section 1. Section 943.17299, Florida Statutes, is created
17 to read:

18 943.17299 Continued employment training relating to
19 Alzheimer's disease and related forms of dementia.—The
20 department shall establish an online, continued employment
21 training component relating to Alzheimer's disease and related
22 forms of dementia. The training component must be developed in
23 consultation with the Department of Elder Affairs and must
24 include, but need not be limited to, instruction on interacting
25 with persons with Alzheimer's disease or a related form of
26 dementia, including instruction on techniques for recognizing
27 behavioral symptoms and characteristics, effective
28 communication, employing the use of alternatives to physical
29 restraints, and identifying signs of abuse, neglect, or

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30 exploitation. Completion of the training component may count
31 toward the 40 hours of instruction for continued employment or
32 appointment as a law enforcement officer required under s.
33 943.135.

34 Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2024.