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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 Elderly 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 Elderly 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

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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  
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 July 1, 2024.