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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 and correctional 4 officers; creating s. 943.17299, F.S.; requiring the 5 Department of Law Enforcement to establish an online, 6 continued employment training component relating to 7 Alzheimer's disease and related forms of dementia; 8 requiring that the training component be developed 9 with the Department of Elder Affairs; specifying instruction requirements for the training component; 10 11 authorizing the completion of such training to count 12 toward a certain requirement; providing an effective 13 date. 14 15 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 16 17 Section 1. Section 943.17299, Florida Statutes, is created 18 to read: 943.17299 Continued employment training relating to 19 20 Alzheimer's disease and related forms of dementia. - The 21 department shall establish an online, continued employment 22 training component relating to Alzheimer's disease and related 23 forms of dementia. The training component must be developed in

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include, but need not be limited to, instruction on interacting

consultation with the Department of Elder Affairs and must

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with persons with Alzheimer's disease or a related form of dementia, including instruction on techniques for recognizing behavioral symptoms and characteristics, effective communication, employing the use of alternatives to physical restraints, and identifying signs of abuse, neglect, or exploitation. Completion of the training component may count toward the 40 hours of instruction for continued employment or appointment as a law enforcement officer, correctional officer, or correctional probation officer required under s. 943.135.

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

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