

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Department of Law Enforcement;
3 repealing ss. 943.031 and 943.042, F.S., relating to
4 the Florida Violent Crime and Drug Control Council and
5 the Violent Crime Investigative Emergency and Drug
6 Control Strategy Implementation Account, respectively;
7 amending s. 943.041, F.S.; changing the name of the
8 Crimes Against Children Criminal Profiling Program to
9 the Child Exploitation and Crimes Against Children
10 Program and expanding the scope of the program;
11 amending s. 943.17, F.S.; conforming provisions to
12 changes made by the act; amending s. 943.0313, F.S.;
13 revising the membership of the Domestic Security
14 Oversight Council; revising reporting requirements;
15 amending s. 943.0311, F.S.; revising requirements for
16 a report by the Chief of Domestic Security; amending
17 s. 943.69, F.S.; increasing the maximum annual amount
18 that may be spent for veterinary care of retired
19 police dogs under a program administered through the
20 department; amending ss. 914.25 and 914.27, F.S.;
21 conforming provisions to changes made by the act;
22 providing an effective date.

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24 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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26 **Section 1.** Sections 943.031 and 943.042, Florida Statutes,
27 are repealed.

28 **Section 2.** **Section 943.041, Florida Statutes, is amended**
29 **to read:**

30 943.041 Child Exploitation and Crimes Against Children
31 ~~Criminal Profiling~~ Program.—There is created the Child
32 Exploitation and Crimes Against Children ~~Criminal Profiling~~
33 Program within the department. The program shall perform
34 investigative, intelligence, research, and training activities
35 related to child exploitation and other crimes against children.

36 **Section 3.** **Subsection (5) of section 943.17, Florida**
37 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

38 943.17 Basic recruit, advanced, and career development
39 training programs; participation; cost; evaluation.—The
40 commission shall, by rule, design, implement, maintain,
41 evaluate, and revise entry requirements and job-related
42 curricula and performance standards for basic recruit, advanced,
43 and career development training programs and courses. The rules
44 shall include, but are not limited to, a methodology to assess
45 relevance of the subject matter to the job, student performance,
46 and instructor competency.

47 (5) The commission, ~~in consultation with the Florida~~
48 ~~Violent Crime and Drug Control Council,~~ shall establish
49 standards for basic and advanced training programs for law
50 enforcement officers in the subjects of investigating and

51 preventing violent crime. ~~After January 1, 1995,~~ Every basic
52 skills course required in order for law enforcement officers to
53 obtain initial certification must include training on violent
54 crime prevention and investigations.

55 **Section 4. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) and subsection**
56 **(6) of section 943.0313, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:**

57 943.0313 Domestic Security Oversight Council.—The
58 Legislature finds that there exists a need to provide executive
59 direction and leadership with respect to terrorism and
60 immigration enforcement incident prevention, preparation,
61 protection, response, and recovery efforts by state and local
62 agencies in this state. In recognition of this need, the
63 Domestic Security Oversight Council is hereby created. The
64 council shall serve as an advisory council pursuant to s.
65 20.03(7) to provide guidance to the state's regional domestic
66 security task forces and other domestic security working groups
67 and to make recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature
68 regarding the expenditure of funds and allocation of resources
69 related to counter-terrorism and cooperating with and providing
70 assistance to the Federal Government in the enforcement of
71 federal immigration laws and domestic security efforts.

72 (1) MEMBERSHIP.—

73 (a) The Domestic Security Oversight Council shall consist
74 of the following voting members:

- 75 1. The executive director of the Department of Law

76 Enforcement.

77 2. The director of the Division of Emergency Management.

78 3. The Attorney General.

79 4. The Commissioner of Agriculture.

80 5. The State Surgeon General.

81 6. The Commissioner of Education.

82 7. The State Fire Marshal.

83 8. The adjutant general of the Florida National Guard.

84 9. The state chief information officer.

85 10. Each sheriff or chief of police who serves as a co-
86 chair of a regional domestic security task force pursuant to s.
87 943.0312(1)(b).

88 11. Each of the department's special agents in charge who
89 serve as a co-chair of a regional domestic security task force.

90 12. Two representatives of the Florida Fire Chiefs
91 Association.

92 13. One representative of the Florida Police Chiefs
93 Association.

94 14. One representative of the Florida Prosecuting
95 Attorneys Association.

96 15. One statewide domestic security intelligence
97 representative selected by the chair of the Florida Fusion
98 Center Executive Advisory Board ~~The chair of the Statewide~~
99 ~~Domestic Security Intelligence Committee.~~

100 16. One representative of the Florida Hospital

101 Association.

102 17. One representative of the Emergency Medical Services
103 Advisory Council.

104 18. One representative of the Florida Emergency
105 Preparedness Association.

106 19. One representative of the Florida Seaport
107 Transportation and Economic Development Council.

108 (6) REPORTS.—The council shall report annually on its
109 activities, on or before December 31 of each calendar year, to
110 the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the
111 House of Representatives, and the chairs of the committees
112 having principal jurisdiction over domestic security in the
113 Senate and the House of Representatives. The report shall
114 include information submitted by the Chief of Domestic Security
115 as required under s. 943.0311(4).

116 **Section 5. Subsection (4) of section 943.0311, Florida**
117 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

118 943.0311 Chief of Domestic Security; duties of the
119 department with respect to domestic security.—

120 (4) The chief shall report ~~to the Governor, the President~~
121 ~~of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives~~
122 ~~by November 1 of each year~~ suggestions for specific and
123 significant security enhancements of any building, facility, or
124 structure owned or leased by a state agency, state university,
125 or community college or any entity that has conducted an

assessment under subsection (6). Such suggestions must be submitted to the Domestic Security Oversight Council for inclusion in the report required under s. 943.0313(6). The chief may use ~~utilize~~ the assessments provided under subsection (6) in making his or her suggestions. The report shall suggest strategies to maximize federal funds in support of building or facility security if such funds are available.

Section 6. Paragraph (b) of subsection (5) of section 943.69, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

943.69 Care for Retired Police Dogs Program.—

(5) FUNDING.—

(b) Annual disbursements to a former handler or an adopter to reimburse him or her for the cost of the retired police dog's veterinary care may not exceed \$5,000 ~~\$1,500~~ per dog. A former handler or an adopter of a retired police dog may not accumulate unused funds from a current year for use in a future year.

Section 7. Subsection (5) of section 914.25, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

914.25 Protective services for certain victims and witnesses.—

(5) ~~The lead law enforcement agency that provides protective services, as authorized in this section, may seek reimbursement for its reasonable expenses from the Victim and Witness Protection Review Committee, pursuant to s. 943.031.~~
This section does not prevent any law enforcement agency from

151 providing protective services at the agency's expense beyond the
152 4-year maximum period established in this section. Any such
153 additional expenditures for protective services are not eligible
154 for the reimbursement provided in this section.

155 **Section 8. Subsections (1) and (4) of section 914.27,**
156 **Florida Statutes, are amended to read:**

157 914.27 Confidentiality of victim and witness information.—

158 (1) Information held by any state or local law enforcement
159 agency, state attorney, the statewide prosecutor, ~~the Victim and~~
160 ~~Witness Protection Review Committee created pursuant to s.~~
161 ~~943.031,~~ or the Department of Law Enforcement which discloses:

162 (a) The identity or location of a victim or witness who
163 has been identified or certified for protective or relocation
164 services pursuant to s. 914.25;

165 (b) The identity or location of an immediate family member
166 of a victim or witness who has been identified or certified
167 pursuant to s. 914.25;

168 (c) Relocation sites, techniques, or procedures utilized
169 or developed as a result of the victim and witness protective
170 services afforded by s. 914.25; or

171 (d) The identity or relocation site of any victim,
172 witness, or immediate family member of a victim or witness who
173 has made a relocation of permanent residence by reason of the
174 victim's or witness's involvement in the investigation or
175 prosecution giving rise to certification for protective or

176 relocation services pursuant to s. 914.25;

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178 is confidential and exempt from ~~the provisions of~~ s. 119.07(1)
179 and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. Such information
180 may be shared by law enforcement agencies, state attorneys, and
181 the statewide prosecutor to facilitate the protective or
182 relocation services provided pursuant to s. 914.25 and to
183 support the prosecution efforts of the state attorneys and the
184 statewide prosecutor. Any information so shared must remain
185 confidential and exempt in the hands of any agency or entity to
186 which the information is provided.

187 (4) The certifying state attorney or statewide prosecutor
188 may state in writing ~~to the Victim and Witness Protection Review~~
189 ~~Committee established pursuant to s. 943.031~~ that even though
190 certification for participation in the victim or witness
191 protective services program is about to expire, disclosure of
192 information made confidential and exempt by paragraph (1)(a) or
193 paragraph (1)(b) continues to constitute an unwarranted risk to,
194 or jeopardizes the safety of, victims, witnesses, or family
195 members of such victims or witnesses. ~~Accordingly,~~ The
196 confidential and exempt status of such information shall
197 continue until the certifying state attorney or statewide
198 prosecutor determines that disclosure of such information would
199 not constitute an unwarranted risk to, or jeopardize the safety
200 of, such persons, ~~and provides written notification to that~~

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201 ~~effect to the Victim and Witness Protection Review Committee.~~

202 **Section 9.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.