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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. 943.0311, F.S.; revising requirements for
8 a report by the Chief of Domestic Security; amending
9 ss. 943.041 and 943.17, F.S.; conforming provisions to
10 changes made by the act; amending s. 943.0313, F.S.;
11 revising the membership of the Domestic Security
12 Oversight Council; revising reporting requirements;
13 amending s. 943.60, F.S.; including the Governor's
14 mansion in the definition of the term "Capitol
15 Complex" for specified provisions; amending s. 943.69,
16 F.S.; increasing the maximum annual amount that may be
17 spent for veterinary care of retired police dogs under
18 a program administered through the department;
19 amending ss. 914.25 and 914.27, F.S.; conforming
20 provisions to changes made by the act; providing an
21 effective date.

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

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25 Section 1. Sections 943.031 and 943.042, Florida Statutes,
26 are repealed.

27 Section 2. Subsection (4) of section 943.0311, Florida
28 Statutes, is amended to read:

29 943.0311 Chief of Domestic Security; duties of the

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30 department with respect to domestic security.—

31 (4) The chief shall report ~~to the Governor, the President~~
32 ~~of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives~~
33 ~~by November 1 of each year~~ suggestions for specific and
34 significant security enhancements of any building, facility, or
35 structure owned or leased by a state agency, state university,
36 or community college or any entity that has conducted an
37 assessment under subsection (6). Such suggestions must be
38 submitted to the Domestic Security Oversight Council for
39 inclusion in the report required under s. 943.0313(6). The chief
40 may use ~~utilize~~ the assessments provided under subsection (6) in
41 making his or her suggestions. The report must ~~shall~~ suggest
42 strategies to maximize federal funds in support of building or
43 facility security if such funds are available.

44 Section 3. Section 943.041, Florida Statutes, is amended to
45 read:

46 943.041 Child Exploitation and Crimes Against Children
47 ~~Criminal Profiling~~ Program.—There is created the Child
48 Exploitation and Crimes Against Children ~~Criminal Profiling~~
49 Program within the department. The program shall perform
50 investigative, intelligence, research, and training activities
51 related to child exploitation and other crimes against children.

52 Section 4. Subsection (5) of section 943.17, Florida
53 Statutes, is amended to read:

54 943.17 Basic recruit, advanced, and career development
55 training programs; participation; cost; evaluation.—The
56 commission shall, by rule, design, implement, maintain,
57 evaluate, and revise entry requirements and job-related
58 curricula and performance standards for basic recruit, advanced,

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59 and career development training programs and courses. The rules
60 shall include, but are not limited to, a methodology to assess
61 relevance of the subject matter to the job, student performance,
62 and instructor competency.

63 (5) The commission, ~~in consultation with the Florida~~
64 ~~Violent Crime and Drug Control Council,~~ shall establish
65 standards for basic and advanced training programs for law
66 enforcement officers in the subjects of investigating and
67 preventing violent crime. ~~After January 1, 1995,~~ Every basic
68 skills course required in order for law enforcement officers to
69 obtain initial certification must include training on violent
70 crime prevention and investigations.

71 Section 5. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) and subsection
72 (6) of section 943.0313, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

73 943.0313 Domestic Security Oversight Council.—The
74 Legislature finds that there exists a need to provide executive
75 direction and leadership with respect to terrorism and
76 immigration enforcement incident prevention, preparation,
77 protection, response, and recovery efforts by state and local
78 agencies in this state. In recognition of this need, the
79 Domestic Security Oversight Council is hereby created. The
80 council shall serve as an advisory council pursuant to s.
81 20.03(7) to provide guidance to the state's regional domestic
82 security task forces and other domestic security working groups
83 and to make recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature
84 regarding the expenditure of funds and allocation of resources
85 related to counter-terrorism and cooperating with and providing
86 assistance to the Federal Government in the enforcement of
87 federal immigration laws and domestic security efforts.

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88 (1) MEMBERSHIP.—

89 (a) The Domestic Security Oversight Council shall be
90 composed ~~consist~~ of the following voting members:

91 1. The executive director of the Department of Law
92 Enforcement.

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

94 3. The Attorney General.

95 4. The Commissioner of Agriculture.

96 5. The State Surgeon General.

97 6. The Commissioner of Education.

98 7. The State Fire Marshal.

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

100 9. The state chief information officer.

101 10. Each sheriff or chief of police who serves as a co-
102 chair of a regional domestic security task force pursuant to s.
103 943.0312(1)(b).

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

106 12. Two representatives of the Florida Fire Chiefs
107 Association.

108 13. One representative of the Florida Police Chiefs
109 Association.

110 14. One representative of the Florida Prosecuting Attorneys
111 Association.

112 15. One statewide domestic security intelligence
113 representative, selected by the chair of the Florida Fusion
114 Center Executive Advisory Board ~~The chair of the Statewide~~
115 ~~Domestic Security Intelligence Committee.~~

116 16. One representative of the Florida Hospital Association.

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117 17. One representative of the Emergency Medical Services
118 Advisory Council.

119 18. One representative of the Florida Emergency
120 Preparedness Association.

121 19. One representative of the Florida Seaport
122 Transportation and Economic Development Council.

123 (6) REPORTS.—The council shall report annually on its
124 activities, on or before December 31 of each calendar year, to
125 the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the
126 House of Representatives, and the chairs of the committees
127 having principal jurisdiction over domestic security in the
128 Senate and the House of Representatives. The report must include
129 information submitted by the Chief of Domestic Security as
130 required under s. 943.0311(4).

131 Section 6. Section 943.60, Florida Statutes, is amended to
132 read:

133 943.60 Definitions.—For the purposes of ss. 943.60–943.68,
134 the term “Capitol Complex” means that portion of Tallahassee,
135 Leon County, Florida, commonly referred to as the Capitol, the
136 Historic Capitol, the Senate Office Building, the House Office
137 Building, the Knott Building, the Pepper Building, the Holland
138 Building, the Elliot Building, the R.A. Gray Building, and the
139 associated parking garages and curtilage of each, including the
140 state-owned lands and public streets adjacent thereto within an
141 area bounded by and including Calhoun Street, East Pensacola
142 Street, Monroe Street, Jefferson Street, West Pensacola Street,
143 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, and Gaines Street. The term
144 includes the State Capital Circle Office Complex located in Leon
145 County, Florida. The term includes the Governor’s mansion and

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146 the curtilage thereof, located in Leon County, Florida. The term
147 does not include the Supreme Court Building or the public
148 streets adjacent thereto. The portion of the Capitol Complex
149 existing between and including the Elliot Building and the
150 Holland Building within an area bounded by and including Monroe
151 Street, Gaines Street, Calhoun Street, and East Pensacola Street
152 shall be known as "Memorial Park."

153 Section 7. Paragraph (b) of subsection (5) of section
154 943.69, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

155 943.69 Care for Retired Police Dogs Program.—

156 (5) FUNDING.—

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

162 Section 8. Subsection (5) of section 914.25, Florida
163 Statutes, is amended to read:

164 914.25 Protective services for certain victims and
165 witnesses.—

166 ~~(5) The lead law enforcement agency that provides~~
167 ~~protective services, as authorized in this section, may seek~~
168 ~~reimbursement for its reasonable expenses from the Victim and~~
169 ~~Witness Protection Review Committee, pursuant to s. 943.031.~~
170 This section does not prevent any law enforcement agency from
171 providing protective services at the agency's expense beyond the
172 4-year maximum period established in this section. Any such
173 additional expenditures for protective services are not eligible
174 for the reimbursement provided in this section.

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175 Section 9. Subsections (1) and (4) of section 914.27,
176 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

177 914.27 Confidentiality of victim and witness information.—

178 (1) Information held by any state or local law enforcement
179 agency, state attorney, the statewide prosecutor, ~~the Victim and~~
180 ~~Witness Protection Review Committee created pursuant to s.~~
181 ~~943.031,~~ or the Department of Law Enforcement which discloses:

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

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

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

191 (d) The identity or relocation site of any victim, witness,
192 or immediate family member of a victim or witness who has made a
193 relocation of permanent residence by reason of the victim's or
194 witness's involvement in the investigation or prosecution giving
195 rise to certification for protective or relocation services
196 pursuant to s. 914.25;

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198 is confidential and exempt from ~~the provisions of~~ s. 119.07(1)
199 and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. Such information
200 may be shared by law enforcement agencies, state attorneys, and
201 the statewide prosecutor to facilitate the protective or
202 relocation services provided pursuant to s. 914.25 and to
203 support the prosecution efforts of the state attorneys and the

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204 statewide prosecutor. Any information so shared must remain
205 confidential and exempt in the hands of any agency or entity to
206 which the information is provided.

207 (4) The certifying state attorney or statewide prosecutor
208 may state in writing ~~to the Victim and Witness Protection Review~~
209 ~~Committee established pursuant to s. 943.031~~ that even though
210 certification for participation in the victim or witness
211 protective services program is about to expire, disclosure of
212 information made confidential and exempt by paragraph (1)(a) or
213 paragraph (1)(b) continues to constitute an unwarranted risk to,
214 or jeopardizes the safety of, victims, witnesses, or family
215 members of such victims or witnesses. ~~Accordingly,~~ The
216 confidential and exempt status of such information shall
217 continue until the certifying state attorney or statewide
218 prosecutor determines that disclosure of such information would
219 not constitute an unwarranted risk to, or jeopardize the safety
220 of, such persons, ~~and provides written notification to that~~
221 ~~effect to the Victim and Witness Protection Review Committee.~~

222 Section 10. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.