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1                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to criminal offenses against law  
 3           enforcement officers and other personnel; providing a  
 4           short title; amending s. 776.051, F.S.; revising a  
 5           prohibition on the use or threatened use of force to  
 6           resist arrest or detention; amending s. 782.065, F.S.;  
 7           providing for enhanced punishment for manslaughter  
 8           when committed against specified officers; revising  
 9           applicability; amending s. 784.07, F.S.; revising the  
 10          definition of the term "law enforcement officer";  
 11          revising provisions concerning assault or battery upon  
 12          specified officers and other personnel; amending s.  
 13          843.01, F.S.; revising a provision concerning  
 14          resisting, obstructing, or opposing specified officers  
 15          or legally authorized persons; providing an effective  
 16          date.

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

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 20           Section 1. This act may be cited as the "Officer Jason  
 21 Raynor Act."

22           Section 2. Section 776.051, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
 23 read:

24           776.051 Use or threatened use of force in resisting arrest  
 25 or detention ~~making an arrest or in the execution of a legal~~  
 26 ~~duty~~; prohibition.-

27           ~~(1)~~ A person is not justified in the use or threatened use  
 28 of force to resist a lawful or an unlawful ~~an~~ arrest or  
 29 detention by a law enforcement officer, or to resist a law

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30 enforcement officer acting in the performance of his or her  
31 official duties as described in s. 943.10(1), if ~~who is engaged~~  
32 ~~in the execution of a legal duty, if the law enforcement officer~~  
33 ~~was acting in good faith and he or she is known, or reasonably~~  
34 appears, to be a law enforcement officer.

35 ~~(2) A law enforcement officer, or any person whom the~~  
36 ~~officer has summoned or directed to assist him or her, is not~~  
37 ~~justified in the use of force if the arrest or execution of a~~  
38 ~~legal duty is unlawful and known by him or her to be unlawful.~~

39 Section 3. Section 782.065, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
40 read:

41 782.065 Murder; law enforcement officer, correctional  
42 officer, correctional probation officer.—Notwithstanding ss.  
43 775.082, 775.0823, 782.04, 782.051, and chapter 921, a defendant  
44 must ~~shall~~ be sentenced to life imprisonment without eligibility  
45 for release upon findings by the trier of fact that, beyond a  
46 reasonable doubt:

47 (1) The defendant committed murder in the first degree in  
48 violation of s. 782.04(1) and a death sentence was not imposed;  
49 murder in the second or third degree in violation of s.  
50 782.04(2), (3), or (4); attempted murder in the first or second  
51 degree in violation of s. 782.04(1)(a)1. or (2); ~~or~~ attempted  
52 felony murder in violation of s. 782.051; or manslaughter in  
53 violation of s. 782.07(1); and

54 (2) The victim of any offense described in subsection (1)  
55 was a law enforcement officer, part-time law enforcement  
56 officer, auxiliary law enforcement officer, correctional  
57 officer, part-time correctional officer, auxiliary correctional  
58 officer, correctional probation officer, part-time correctional

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59 probation officer, or auxiliary correctional probation officer,  
60 as those terms are defined in s. 943.10, who was acting in the  
61 performance of his or her official duties as described in s.  
62 943.10 ~~engaged in the lawful performance of a legal duty.~~

63 Section 4. Paragraph (e) of subsection (1) and subsection  
64 (2) of section 784.07, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

65 784.07 Assault or battery of law enforcement officers and  
66 other specified personnel; reclassification of offenses; minimum  
67 sentences.—

68 (1) As used in this section, the term:

69 (e) "Law enforcement officer" includes a law enforcement  
70 officer, a correctional officer, a correctional probation  
71 officer, a part-time law enforcement officer, a part-time  
72 correctional officer, an auxiliary law enforcement officer, and  
73 an auxiliary correctional officer, as those terms are  
74 respectively defined in s. 943.10, and any county probation  
75 officer; an employee or agent of the Department of Corrections  
76 who supervises or provides services to inmates; an officer of  
77 the Florida Commission on Offender Review; a federal law  
78 enforcement officer as defined in s. 901.1505; and law  
79 enforcement personnel of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation  
80 Commission, the Department of Environmental Protection, or the  
81 Department of Law Enforcement. The duties and responsibilities  
82 of these respective positions are described in s. 943.10.

83 (2) Whenever any person is charged with knowingly  
84 committing an assault or battery upon a law enforcement officer,  
85 a firefighter, an emergency medical care provider, hospital  
86 personnel, a railroad special officer, a traffic accident  
87 investigation officer as described in s. 316.640, a nonsworn law

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88 enforcement agency employee who is certified as an agency  
89 inspector, a blood alcohol analyst, or a breath test operator  
90 while such employee is in uniform and engaged in processing,  
91 testing, evaluating, analyzing, or transporting a person who is  
92 detained or under arrest for DUI, a law enforcement explorer, a  
93 traffic infraction enforcement officer as described in s.  
94 316.640, a parking enforcement specialist as defined in s.  
95 316.640, a person licensed as a security officer as defined in  
96 s. 493.6101 and wearing a uniform that bears at least one patch  
97 or emblem that is visible at all times that clearly identifies  
98 the employing agency and that clearly identifies the person as a  
99 licensed security officer, or a security officer employed by the  
100 board of trustees of a community college, while the officer,  
101 firefighter, emergency medical care provider, hospital  
102 personnel, railroad special officer, traffic accident  
103 investigation officer, traffic infraction enforcement officer,  
104 inspector, analyst, operator, law enforcement explorer, parking  
105 enforcement specialist, public transit employee or agent, or  
106 security officer who is acting in the performance of his or her  
107 official duties ~~is engaged in the lawful performance of his or~~  
108 ~~her duties~~, the offense for which the person is charged shall be  
109 reclassified as follows:

110 (a) In the case of assault, from a misdemeanor of the  
111 second degree to a misdemeanor of the first degree.

112 (b) In the case of battery, from a misdemeanor of the first  
113 degree to a felony of the third degree. Notwithstanding any  
114 other provision of law, a person convicted of battery upon a law  
115 enforcement officer committed in furtherance of a riot or an  
116 aggravated riot prohibited under s. 870.01 shall be sentenced to

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117 a minimum term of imprisonment of 6 months.

118 (c) In the case of aggravated assault, from a felony of the  
119 third degree to a felony of the second degree. Notwithstanding  
120 any other provision of law, any person convicted of aggravated  
121 assault upon a law enforcement officer shall be sentenced to a  
122 minimum term of imprisonment of 3 years.

123 (d) In the case of aggravated battery, from a felony of the  
124 second degree to a felony of the first degree. Notwithstanding  
125 any other provision of law, any person convicted of aggravated  
126 battery of a law enforcement officer shall be sentenced to a  
127 minimum term of imprisonment of 5 years.

128 Section 5. Subsection (1) of section 843.01, Florida  
129 Statutes, is amended to read:

130 843.01 Resisting, obstructing, or opposing by offering or  
131 doing violence to legally authorized person, police canine, or  
132 police horse.—

133 (1) Whoever knowingly and willfully resists, obstructs, or  
134 opposes any officer as defined in s. 943.10(1), (2), (3), (6),  
135 (7), (8), or (9); member of the Florida Commission on Offender  
136 Review or any administrative aide or supervisor employed by the  
137 commission; parole and probation supervisor; county probation  
138 officer; personnel or representative of the Department of Law  
139 Enforcement; or other person legally authorized to execute  
140 process in the execution of legal process or acting in the  
141 performance of his or her official duties as described in s.  
142 943.10 in the lawful execution of any legal duty, by offering or  
143 doing violence to the person of such officer or legally  
144 authorized person, commits a felony of the third degree,  
145 punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

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Section 6. This act shall take effect October 1, 2025.