

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to autism awareness training for law
 3 enforcement officers; creating s. 943.1727, F.S.;
 4 requiring the Department of Law Enforcement to
 5 establish a continued employment training component
 6 relating to autism spectrum disorder; providing a
 7 definition; specifying instruction to be included in
 8 the training component; providing that completion of
 9 the training may count toward continued employment
 10 instruction requirements; providing an effective date.

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

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 14 Section 1. Section 943.1727, Florida Statutes, is created
 15 to read:

16 943.1727 Continued employment training relating to autism
 17 spectrum disorder.—The department shall establish a continued
 18 employment training component relating to autism spectrum
 19 disorder as defined in s. 627.6686. The training component shall
 20 include, but need not be limited to, instruction on the
 21 recognition of the symptoms and idiosyncrasies of an individual
 22 on the autism disorder spectrum and appropriate responses to an
 23 individual exhibiting such symptoms and idiosyncrasies.
 24 Completion of the training component may count toward the 40
 25 hours of instruction for continued employment or appointment as

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26 | a law enforcement officer required under s. 943.135.

27 | Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2017.