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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Criminal Justice Standards and
3 Training Commission; amending s. 943.12, F.S.;
4 requiring the Criminal Justice Standards and Training
5 Commission to implement, administer, maintain, and
6 revise a basic abilities examination by a specified
7 date; requiring the commission to establish specified
8 procedures and standards; amending s. 943.17, F.S.;
9 requiring the commission to set a fee for the basic
10 abilities examination; requiring a nonrefundable fee
11 for each examination attempt; requiring that
12 examination fees be deposited in the Criminal Justice
13 Standards and Training Trust Fund; providing a
14 condition for when the examination fee takes effect;
15 providing an effective date.

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

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19 Section 1. Subsection (18) is added to section 943.12,
20 Florida Statutes, to read:

21 943.12 Powers, duties, and functions of the commission.—The
22 commission shall:

23 (18) On or before January 1, 2018, implement, administer,
24 maintain, and revise a basic abilities examination for all
25 applicants for basic recruit training in law enforcement and
26 corrections. The commission shall establish by rule procedures
27 for the administration of the basic abilities examination. The
28 commission shall also establish standards for acceptable
29 performance on the examination.

30 Section 2. Paragraph (g) of subsection (1) of section
31 943.17, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (h) is added
32 to that subsection, to read:

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33 943.17 Basic recruit, advanced, and career development
34 training programs; participation; cost; evaluation.—The
35 commission shall, by rule, design, implement, maintain,
36 evaluate, and revise entry requirements and job-related
37 curricula and performance standards for basic recruit, advanced,
38 and career development training programs and courses. The rules
39 shall include, but are not limited to, a methodology to assess
40 relevance of the subject matter to the job, student performance,
41 and instructor competency.

42 (1) The commission shall:

43 (g) Assure that entrance into the basic recruit training
44 program for law enforcement and correctional officers be limited
45 to those who have passed a basic abilities ~~skills~~ examination
46 ~~and assessment instrument~~, based on a job task analysis in each
47 discipline and adopted by the commission.

48 (h) Set a fee, not to exceed \$75, for the basic abilities
49 examination. The fee applies to one scheduled examination
50 attempt and is not refundable if the applicant does not appear
51 for the examination or does not achieve an acceptable score on
52 the examination. Fees collected pursuant to this paragraph shall
53 be deposited in the Criminal Justice Standards and Training
54 Trust Fund. This paragraph shall take effect upon the
55 implementation of the revised basic abilities examination on or
56 before January 1, 2018, as specified in s. 943.12(18).

57 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.