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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 develop and administer an examination of
6 basic abilities for all officer candidates entering
7 basic recruit training for law enforcement and for
8 corrections; authorizing rulemaking; providing for
9 standards; amending s. 943.17, F.S.; conforming a
10 provision; providing for a fee for the basic abilities
11 examination; providing for disposition of funds;
12 providing an effective date.

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

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

18 943.12 Powers, duties, and functions of the commission.—
19 The commission shall:

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

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27 Section 2. Paragraph (g) of subsection (1) of section
28 943.17, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (h) is added
29 to that subsection, to read:

30 943.17 Basic recruit, advanced, and career development
31 training programs; participation; cost; evaluation.—The
32 commission shall, by rule, design, implement, maintain,
33 evaluate, and revise entry requirements and job-related
34 curricula and performance standards for basic recruit, advanced,
35 and career development training programs and courses. The rules
36 shall include, but are not limited to, a methodology to assess
37 relevance of the subject matter to the job, student performance,
38 and instructor competency.

39 (1) The commission shall:

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

45 (h) Set a fee for the basic abilities examination, not to
46 exceed \$75. The fee applies to one scheduled examination attempt
47 and is not refundable if the applicant does not appear for the
48 examination or does not achieve an acceptable score on the
49 examination. Basic abilities examination fees collected pursuant
50 to this paragraph shall be placed in the Criminal Justice
51 Standards and Training Trust Fund.

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