1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to law enforcement services 3 assessment; creating s. 166.212, F.S.; authorizing 4 municipalities to levy a special assessment to fund 5 the costs of providing law enforcement services; 6 providing a methodology for apportionment of the 7 assessment; requiring a reduction in ad valorem 8 millage; authorizing the Department of Revenue to 9 adopt certain rules and forms; providing for 10 construction; providing an effective date. 11 12 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 13 Section 1. Section 166.212, Florida Statutes, is created 14 15 to read: 166.212 Law enforcement services assessment.-16 17 (1)GENERAL. - The governing body of a municipality may levy a law enforcement services assessment to fund all or a portion 18 19 of its costs of providing law enforcement services, if the 20 governing body: 21 Adopts an ordinance levying the law enforcement (a) 22 services assessment, which apportions the cost of law 23 enforcement services among the parcels of real property in the 24 municipality in reasonable proportion to the benefit received by 25 each parcel. 26 Reduces its ad valorem millage pursuant to subsection (b) Page 1 of 4

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27 (3). APPORTIONMENT METHODOLOGY.-The methodology used to 28 (2) determine the benefit that a parcel of property derives from law 29 30 enforcement services may be based on the following: 31 (a) The square footage of structures on the parcel. 32 The location of the parcel. (b) 33 The use of the parcel. (C) 34 (d) The projected amount of time that the municipal law 35 enforcement agency will spend serving and protecting the property, grouped by neighborhood, zone, or category of use, 36 37 which may include the projected amount of time that will be 38 spent responding to calls for law enforcement services and the 39 projected amount of time that law enforcement officers will 40 spend patrolling or regulating traffic on the streets that 41 provide access to the property. 42 The value of the real property that is served or (e) 43 protected, including the value of each structure on the property 44 and its contents. However, this factor may not be used as the 45 sole factor or as a major factor in determining the benefit of 46 law enforcement services to a parcel of property. 47 Any other factor that may reasonably be used to (f) determine the benefit of law enforcement services to a parcel of 48 49 property. 50 (3) REDUCTION IN AD VALOREM MILLAGE.-51 (a) In the first year that the special assessment is 52 levied, the governing body of the municipality must reduce its Page 2 of 4

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53	ad valorem millage, calculated as if there were no law
54	enforcement services assessment, by the millage that would be
55	required to collect revenue equal to the revenue that is
56	forecast to be collected from the special assessment.
57	(b) When preparing the notice of proposed property taxes
58	pursuant to s. 200.069 in the first year of the assessment, the
59	governing body of the municipality shall calculate the rolled-
60	back millage rate pursuant to s. 200.065(5) and shall determine
61	the preliminary proposed millage rate as if there were no law
62	enforcement services assessment. The governing body shall then
63	adopt the proposed law enforcement services assessment and
64	determine the equivalent millage rate pursuant to paragraph (a).
65	The preliminary proposed millage rate shall then be reduced by
66	the amount of the law enforcement services assessment equivalent
67	millage rate and the resulting millage rate shall then be
68	reported to the property appraiser, together with the amount of
69	the law enforcement services assessment, pursuant to the notice
70	requirements of ss. 200.065 and 200.069. The property appraiser
71	shall list the law enforcement services assessment on the notice
72	of proposed property taxes below the line in the columns
73	reserved for non-ad valorem assessments. After the first year of
74	the assessment, the millage rate and rolled-back rate for the
75	notice of proposed property taxes shall be calculated pursuant
76	to s. 200.065(5) and shall be based on the adopted millage rate
77	from the previous year.
78	(c) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), the governing body of a
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79	municipality is not required to reduce its millage, excluding
80	millage approved by a vote of the electors and millage pledged
81	to repay bonds, by more than 75 percent or by more than 50
82	percent if the ordinance levying the law enforcement services
83	assessment is approved by a two-thirds vote of the governing
84	body of the municipality.
85	(4) RULES AND FORMSThe Department of Revenue may adopt
86	rules and forms necessary to administer this section.
87	(5) CONSTRUCTIONThe levy of a law enforcement services
88	assessment pursuant to this section shall be construed as being
89	authorized by general law in accordance with ss. 1 and 9, Art.
90	VII of the State Constitution.
91	Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.

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