

By Senator Thompson

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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to law enforcement officer training;
3 amending s. 943.1716, F.S.; expanding the instruction
4 that the Criminal Justice Standards and Training
5 Commission requires of a law enforcement officer to
6 include interpersonal skills relating to racial
7 minorities; providing an effective date.
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9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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11 Section 1. Section 943.1716, Florida Statutes, is amended
12 to read:

13 943.1716 Continued employment training relating to diverse
14 populations.—The commission shall by rule require that each
15 officer receive, as part of the 40 hours of required instruction
16 for continued employment or appointment as an officer,
17 instruction in the subject of interpersonal skills relating to
18 diverse populations and racial minorities, with an emphasis on
19 the awareness of cultural differences, how racial bias impacts
20 interactions with racial minorities, and ways to combat inherent
21 biases.

22 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.