A bill to be entitled
An act relating to law enforcement agency standards; creating s. 943.2555, F.S.; requiring the Department of Law Enforcement to adopt rules establishing minimum requirements for policies of law enforcement agencies; specifying areas that must be addressed by such policies; creating s. 943.2556, F.S.; requiring the department to create a model procedures document for law enforcement agencies; specifying requirements for such document; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 943.2555, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

943.2555 Adoption of minimum requirements for law enforcement agency policies.—The department shall adopt rules establishing minimum requirements for the policies of law enforcement agencies employing law enforcement officers, as defined in s. 943.10(1), which are applicable to at least all of the following areas:

(1) Demilitarization.

(2) Use of force.

(3) Intelligence-led policing. As used in this subsection, the term "intelligence-led policing" means the cultivation and
dissemination of strategic, operational, and tactical intelligence assessments to identify, quantify, and target key criminals for investigation and prosecution.

(4) Officer qualifications, compensation, and hiring and termination proceedings.

(5) Police canine unit operations, including:
   (a) Ensuring that use of a police canine to intimidate or harass a person who is already subdued or in custody is considered an excessive use of force.
   (b) Minimum standards for the creation, use, and maintenance of a police canine unit.

(6) Minimum officer training standards addressing:
   (a) Use of force.
   (b) Duty to intervene.
   (c) Use of neck restraints.

(7) Revocation of an officer's certification or placing a limitation on his or her authority as a consequence of an unauthorized use-of-force incident. Such limitation may include:
   (a) Mandating the suspension or revocation of an officer's certification if certain criteria are met, such as his or her involvement in a specified number of unlawful use-of-force incidents within a certain timeframe or an unlawful use-of-force incident that resulted in a fatality; or
   (b) Mandating a specified timeframe during which an officer with a specified number of unlawful use-of-force
incidents is prohibited from the performance of duties that involve interaction with the public and is required to attend anger management counseling.

Section 2. Section 943.2556, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

943.2556 Model procedures.—The department shall create a model procedures document for law enforcement agencies that includes all of the following:

(1) The use of neck restraints, including:
   (a) Prohibiting the use of chokeholds by a law enforcement officer.
   (b) Prohibiting the placement of a knee on the neck of a suspect by a law enforcement officer.
   (c) Authorizing the use of lateral vascular neck restraints by a law enforcement officer who has received annual retraining and semiannual demonstration of proper technique.

(2)(a) A prohibition on the use of no-knock warrants by law enforcement agencies and officers for misdemeanor offenses or minor drug offenses.
   (b) A requirement that the head of a law enforcement agency personally attest in writing that the use of a no-knock warrant is the only way to refine a suspect to get needed information, is the safest course of action for law enforcement officers, and is extremely unlikely to cause harm to an innocent or unsought person.
(c) A requirement that a no-knock warrant be executed under the personal supervision of the head of the law enforcement agency.

(3) Requirements for the use or elimination of jump-out tactics and squads.

(4) A standardized use-of-force policy with a statewide matrix of circumstances in which use of force is authorized.

(5) Policies concerning the pursuit of fleeing suspects, which must include:
   (a) Specifying circumstances that authorize an officer to pursue a fleeing driver.
   (b) Minimizing risk in densely populated communities.
   (c) Authorizing pursuit of a felon only when the pursuing officer is reasonably certain that apprehension of the felon will prevent further physical harm to other persons or himself or herself, and requiring a pursuing officer to end pursuit if significant property damage or harm to other persons seems probable.
   (d) Authorizing pursuit of a misdemeanor only if the pursuing officer is reasonably certain to apprehend the misdemeanor without significant property damage or harm to other persons.

The inclusion of policies in the document must be guided by the principle that protecting an innocent person is more important.
than punishing a guilty person.

(6) Procedures for notification of next of kin.

(7) A requirement that an officer make a statement concerning a use-of-force incident within 24 hours after the conclusion of the use-of-force incident.

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.