

1                               A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to the commissions within the  
3       Department of Law Enforcement; amending s. 406.02,  
4       F.S.; specifying that appointments and reappointments  
5       of members to the Medical Examiners Commission within  
6       the Department of Law Enforcement are considered in  
7       force until certain conditions are met; requiring the  
8       commission to appoint district medical examiners by a  
9       majority vote to fill vacancies; amending s. 406.06,  
10      F.S.; requiring the commission, rather than the  
11      Governor, to appoint district medical examiners for  
12      medical examiner districts; requiring physician  
13      members of the commission to serve as district medical  
14      examiners upon approval by the commission, rather than  
15      by the Governor; amending s. 943.11, F.S.; requiring  
16      the Criminal Justice Professionalism Program to  
17      provide staff support to the Criminal Justice  
18      Standards and Training Commission within the  
19      Department of Law Enforcement; requiring the  
20      commission to act independently of any criminal  
21      justice agency; amending s. 943.1395, F.S.; providing  
22      manners of administrative complaint service by the  
23      Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission to  
24      law enforcement, correctional, and correctional  
25      probation officers; amending s. 943.1726, 943.17261,

943.1727, and 943.17299, F.S.; requiring the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission, rather than the department, to establish online continued employment training components relating to diabetic emergencies, online initial training and continuing education courses relating to medical use of marijuana, continued employment training components relating to autism spectrum disorder, and online continued employment training components relating to Alzheimer's disease and related forms of dementia, respectively; providing an effective date.

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

**Section 1. Paragraphs (b) and (c) of subsection (4) of section 406.02, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as paragraphs (c) and (d), respectively, subsection (2) is amended, and a new paragraph (b) is added to subsection (4) of that section, to read:**

406.02 Medical Examiners Commission; membership; terms; duties; staff.—

(2) The term of office of the physicians appointed to the commission shall be 4 years. The term of office of the state attorney, public defender, sheriff, and county commissioner each shall be 4 years unless she or he leaves that office sooner, in

51 | which case her or his appointment will terminate. The term of  
52 | office of the funeral director shall be 4 years. Upon the  
53 | expiration of the present terms of office, the Governor shall  
54 | appoint two members for terms of 4 years, two members for terms  
55 | of 3 years, two members for terms of 2 years, and one member for  
56 | a term of 1 year. An appointment to fill a vacancy shall be for  
57 | the unexpired portion of the term. An appointment or  
58 | reappointment is considered in force until the appointee resigns  
59 | or no longer qualifies for the position or until the Governor  
60 | appoints a new member.

61 | (4) The Medical Examiners Commission shall:

62 | (b) Appoint district medical examiners by a majority vote  
63 | to fill a vacancy.

64 | **Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 406.06, Florida**  
65 | **Statutes, is amended to read:**

66 | 406.06 District medical examiners; associates; suspension  
67 | of medical examiners.—

68 | (1)(a) A district medical examiner shall be appointed by  
69 | the Medical Examiners Commission ~~Governor~~ for each medical  
70 | examiner district from nominees who are practicing physicians in  
71 | pathology, ~~whose nominations are submitted to the Governor by~~  
72 | ~~the Medical Examiners Commission.~~ The term of office of each  
73 | district medical examiner shall be 3 years. An appointment to  
74 | fill a vacancy shall be for the unexpired portion of the term.

75 | (b) A physician member of the Medical Examiners Commission

76 shall be eligible to serve as a district medical examiner upon  
77 approval by the commission ~~Governor~~.

78 **Section 3. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section**  
79 **943.11, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

80 943.11 Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission;  
81 membership; meetings; compensation.—

82 (1)(a) There is created a Criminal Justice Standards and  
83 Training Commission within the Department of Law Enforcement.  
84 The Criminal Justice Professionalism Program shall provide staff  
85 support to the commission as authorized in s. 943.09; however,  
86 the commission must act independently of any criminal justice  
87 agency. The commission shall be composed of 19 members,  
88 consisting of the Secretary of Corrections or a designated  
89 assistant; the Attorney General or a designee; the Director of  
90 the Division of the Florida Highway Patrol; and 16 members  
91 appointed by the Governor, consisting of 3 sheriffs; 3 chiefs of  
92 police; 5 law enforcement officers who are of the rank of  
93 sergeant or below within the employing agency; 2 correctional  
94 officers, 1 of whom is an administrator of a state correctional  
95 institution and 1 of whom is of the rank of sergeant or below  
96 within the employing agency; 1 training center director; 1  
97 person who is in charge of a county correctional institution;  
98 and 1 resident of the state who falls into none of the foregoing  
99 classifications. Prior to the appointment, the sheriff, chief of  
100 police, law enforcement officer, and correctional officer

members must have had at least 4 years' experience as law enforcement officers or correctional officers.

**Section 4. Subsection (11) is added to section 943.1395, Florida Statutes, to read:**

943.1395 Certification for employment or appointment; concurrent certification; reemployment or reappointment; inactive status; revocation; suspension; investigation.—

(11) Notwithstanding s. 120.60(5), when an administrative complaint is served on a certified law enforcement officer, correctional officer, correctional probation officer, or instructor, commission staff shall provide service by certified mail to the certified officer's or instructor's last known address of record and, if possible, by e-mail. If service does not provide commission staff with proof of service, commission staff shall call the last known telephone number of record and cause a short, plain notice to the certified officer or instructor to be posted on the front page of the commission's website.

**Section 5. Section 943.1726, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

943.1726 Continued employment training relating to diabetic emergencies.—The commission ~~department~~ shall establish an online continued employment training component relating to diabetic emergencies. The training component shall include, but need not be limited to, instruction on the recognition of

126 symptoms of such an emergency, distinguishing such an emergency  
127 from alcohol intoxication or drug overdose, and appropriate  
128 first aid for such an emergency. Completion of the training  
129 component may count toward the 40 hours of instruction for  
130 continued employment or appointment as a law enforcement officer  
131 required under s. 943.135.

132 **Section 6. Section 943.17261, Florida Statutes, is amended**  
133 **to read:**

134 943.17261 ~~Department of Law Enforcement;~~ Training related  
135 to medical use of marijuana.—The commission ~~Department of Law~~  
136 ~~Enforcement~~ shall develop a 4-hour online initial training  
137 course, and a 2-hour online continuing education course, which  
138 shall be made available for use by all law enforcement agencies  
139 in this state. Such training shall cover the legal parameters of  
140 marijuana-related activities governed by ss. 381.986 and 381.988  
141 relating to criminal laws governing marijuana.

142 **Section 7. Section 943.1727, Florida Statutes, is amended**  
143 **to read:**

144 943.1727 Continued employment training relating to autism  
145 spectrum disorder.—The commission ~~department~~ shall establish a  
146 continued employment training component relating to autism  
147 spectrum disorder as defined in s. 627.6686. The training  
148 component shall include, but need not be limited to, instruction  
149 on the recognition of the symptoms and characteristics of an  
150 individual on the autism disorder spectrum and appropriate

151 responses to an individual exhibiting such symptoms and  
152 characteristics. Completion of the training component may count  
153 toward the 40 hours of instruction for continued employment or  
154 appointment as a law enforcement officer required under s.  
155 943.135.

156 **Section 8. Section 943.17299, Florida Statutes, is amended**  
157 **to read:**

158 943.17299 Continued employment training relating to  
159 Alzheimer's disease and related forms of dementia.—The  
160 commission ~~department~~ shall establish an online, continued  
161 employment training component relating to Alzheimer's disease  
162 and related forms of dementia. The training component must be  
163 developed in consultation with the Department of Elder Affairs  
164 and must include, but need not be limited to, instruction on  
165 interacting with persons with Alzheimer's disease or a related  
166 form of dementia, including instruction on techniques for  
167 recognizing behavioral symptoms and characteristics, effective  
168 communication, employing the use of alternatives to physical  
169 restraints, and identifying signs of abuse, neglect, or  
170 exploitation. Completion of the training component may count  
171 toward the 40 hours of instruction for continued employment or  
172 appointment as a law enforcement officer, correctional officer,  
173 or correctional probation officer required under s. 943.135.

174 **Section 9.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.