

CHAPTER 2024-52

Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 801

An act relating to Alzheimer's disease and related dementia training for law enforcement and correctional officers; creating s. 943.17299, F.S.; requiring the Department of Law Enforcement to establish an online, continued employment training component relating to Alzheimer's disease and related forms of dementia; requiring that the training component be developed with the Department of Elder Affairs; specifying instruction requirements for the training component; authorizing the completion of such training to count toward a certain requirement; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 943.17299, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

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

Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2024.

Approved by the Governor April 2, 2024.

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