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1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to crisis intervention by law 3 enforcement officers; creating s. 943.1727, F.S.; 4 requiring the Department of Law Enforcement to 5 establish an employment training component relating to 6 crisis intervention; providing a definition; 7 specifying instruction to be included in the training 8 component; providing that completion of the training 9 shall count toward continued employment instruction 10 requirements; providing requirements for public safety dispatchers and 911 operators; providing an effective 11 12 date. 13 14 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 15 16 Section 1. Section 943.1727, Florida Statutes, is created 17 to read: 943.1727 Crisis intervention; employment training; 18 19 emergency dispatchers.-20 (1) DEFINITION.—As used in this section, the term "crisis intervention" means policing techniques or strategies for 21 2.2 dealing with persons with autism or autism spectrum disorders or 23 mental disorders who may be encountered by law enforcement 24 officers in the course of performing their duties. 25 BASIC SKILLS COURSE.—The Criminal Justice Standards

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and Training Commission shall incorporate training in crisis

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intervention into the course curriculum required in order for law enforcement officers to obtain initial certification.

- (3) CONTINUING TRAINING.—The commission shall establish a continued employment training component related to crisis intervention. Completion of the training component shall count toward the 40 hours of required instruction for continued employment or appointment as a law enforcement officer.
- operators shall be encouraged by their employers to inquire in appropriate instances whether a person who is the subject of a call requesting a law enforcement response is a person with autism or an autism spectrum disorder or a mental disorder. If a public safety dispatcher or 911 operator learns that such a person is the subject of such a call, the dispatcher or operator shall inform responding officers of that information.
 - Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2017.