

1                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to standards for correctional  
 3           officers; amending s. 943.13, F.S.; reducing the  
 4           minimum age for employment as a correctional officer  
 5           from 19 years of age to 18 years of age; providing an  
 6           effective date.

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

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 10       Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 943.13, Florida  
 11       Statutes, is amended to read:

12       943.13 Officers' minimum qualifications for employment or  
 13       appointment.—On or after October 1, 1984, any person employed or  
 14       appointed as a full-time, part-time, or auxiliary law  
 15       enforcement officer or correctional officer; on or after October  
 16       1, 1986, any person employed as a full-time, part-time, or  
 17       auxiliary correctional probation officer; and on or after  
 18       October 1, 1986, any person employed as a full-time, part-time,  
 19       or auxiliary correctional officer by a private entity under  
 20       contract to the Department of Corrections, to a county  
 21       commission, or to the Department of Management Services shall:

22       (1) Be at least 19 years of age, except that any person  
 23       employed as a full-time, part-time, or auxiliary correctional  
 24       officer shall be at least 18 years of age.

25       Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.