

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to correctional officers; providing
 3 legislative intent; amending s. 943.10, F.S.; revising
 4 the definition of the term "correctional officer";
 5 providing an effective date.

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 7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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9 Section 1. The intent of this act is to afford a
 10 correctional officer the benefits of the federal Law Enforcement
 11 Officers Safety Act relating to the carrying of concealed
 12 firearms by revising the definition of the term "correctional
 13 officer" to conform to the definition of the term "qualified law
 14 enforcement officer" as it is used in the federal act.

15 Section 2. Subsection (2) of section 943.10, Florida
 16 Statutes, is amended to read:

17 943.10 Definitions; ss. 943.085-943.255.—The following
 18 words and phrases as used in ss. 943.085-943.255 are defined as
 19 follows:

20 (2) "Correctional officer" means any person who is
 21 appointed or employed full time by the state or any political
 22 subdivision thereof, or by any private entity which has
 23 contracted with the state or county, and whose primary
 24 responsibility is the supervision, protection, care, custody,
 25 and control, or investigation, of inmates within a correctional

26 | institution; however, the term "correctional officer" does not
27 | include any secretarial, clerical, or professionally trained
28 | personnel. A correctional officer is vested with the authority
29 | to bear arms.

30 | Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.