

Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE STANDARDS AND TRAINING COMMISSION TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM 2023-12

DATE: June 14, 2023

TO: Criminal Justice Agency Administrators

FROM: Director Felipe Williams

Criminal Justice Professionalism Division

SUBJECT: House Bill 1595 Relating to County Constitutional Officers

The Florida Legislature passed House Bill 1595 relating to county law enforcement operations. The bill amends s. 30.15, F.S., to require an elected sheriff for each county and specifies that unless otherwise authorized by law, the sheriff shall have exclusive policing jurisdiction in the unincorporated areas of the county and shall have concurrent jurisdiction with any city, district, or other law enforcement agency that has jurisdiction in a city or district. Governor DeSantis signed HB 1595 on May 25, 2023 and the act became effective upon signature.

If your agency is a county-based agency that is not an incorporated municipality or other governmental entity, you will want to review this legislation with your agency legal counsel to determine if your agency is negatively impacted. If you determine your agency is unable to continue operations, please contact your assigned field representative who will be able to assist with information concerning the deactivation of your agency.

If you have any questions regarding this technical memorandum, please contact Training and Research Manager Terry Baker at terrybaker@fdle.state.fl.us or (850) 410-8688.

cc: Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission