



Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE STANDARDS AND TRAINING COMMISSION **TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM 2019-08**

DATE: July 17, 2019

TO: Criminal Justice Agency Administrators
Criminal Justice Training Center Directors
Criminal Justice Selection Center Directors

FROM: Director Dean Register *DR*
Criminal Justice Professionalism Division

SUBJECT: Status of Florida Correctional Officers Related to 18 U.S.C. ss. 926B(C) and 926C(C)

During the 2019 Legislative Session, s. 790.052, Florida Statutes, was amended to include correctional officers as being recognized as a "qualified law enforcement officer" pursuant to 18 U.S.C. s. 926B(C) or as a "qualified retired law enforcement officer" pursuant to 18 U.S.C. s. 926C(C). This change includes full-time, part-time, and auxiliary law enforcement and correctional officers. This change is effective on October 1, 2019.

Neither FDLE nor the Commission determines a person's eligibility under the federal act. It is the person's responsibility to review the federal act and ensure they meet the qualifications. The Commission has established the firearms qualification requirement for Florida law enforcement officers. All persons choosing to comply with the federal act by qualifying with their handgun in Florida will have to meet the minimum qualification requirements established for law enforcement officers. The qualification must be administered by a Commission-certified firearms instructor and be documented on the Law Enforcement Officer Firearms Qualification Standard, form CJSTC-86A. Commission-certified firearms instructors are authorized to issue the Firearms Proficiency Verification Card, form CJSTC-600, to persons, including correctional officers, who successfully qualify on the required course of fire.

If you have any questions regarding these changes, please contact Training and Research Manager Terry Baker, Bureau of Standards, at TerryBaker@fdle.state.fl.us or (850) 410-8688.

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