**summary**

- Expands the definition of “peace officer” to include a hospital police officer.

**Detailed Analysis**

**Hospital police officer**

The bill expands the current definition of “peace officer” used in Chapter 2935 of the Revised Code (which generally governs warrants, arrests, and summons) to include a police officer who is both of the following:

1. Employed by a hospital that employs and maintains its own proprietary police department or security department; and
2. Appointed and commissioned by the Secretary of State.¹

As such, references to “peace officer” in Chapter 2935 (and in sections that use the definition of peace officer from Chapter 2935 throughout the Revised Code) would include a hospital police officer. For instance, under current law, the penalty for certain assault offenses is increased if the victim is a peace officer.² Additionally, a peace officer is always on duty, regardless of whether the officer is officially on the clock.³

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¹ R.C. 2935.01(B).
² R.C. 2903.11, 2903.12, and 2903.13, not in the bill.
³ R.C. 9.69(B), not in the bill.
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