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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

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.

HISTORY

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