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A BILL

To enact section 109.804 of the Revised Code to 1
require the Ohio Peace Officer Training 2
Commission to develop and conduct a chief of 3
police training course for certain newly 4
appointed chiefs of police. 5

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 109.804 of the Revised Code be 6
enacted to read as follows: 7

Sec. 109.804. (A) The Ohio peace officer training 8
commission shall develop and conduct a chief of police training 9
course lasting forty hours for newly appointed chiefs of police 10
appointed on or after January 1, 2018. The commission shall 11
determine the course topics, which shall include diversity 12
training with an emphasis on historical perspectives and 13
community-police relations, and shall establish criteria for 14
what constitutes successful completion of the course. The 15
commission shall conduct the course at the Ohio peace officer 16

training academy and shall offer the course at least 17
semiannually. 18

(B) A newly appointed chief of police may request an 19
equivalency exemption from a portion of the forty hours of the 20
chief of police training course by submitting to the Ohio peace 21
officer training commission, not more than ten calendar days 22
following the person's appointment as a chief of police, 23
evidence of training or qualification in the subject area of the 24
exempted portion. 25

(C) Upon presentation of evidence by a newly appointed 26
chief of police that because of a medical disability or other 27
good cause the newly appointed chief of police is unable to 28
complete the chief of police training course, the Ohio peace 29
officer training commission may defer the requirement for the 30
newly appointed chief of police to complete the chief of police 31
training course until the disability or cause terminates. 32

(D) A newly appointed chief of police appointed on or 33
after January 1, 2018, shall attend a chief of police training 34
course conducted by the Ohio peace officer training commission 35
pursuant to division (A) of this section not later than six 36
months after the person's appointment as a chief of police. 37
While attending the chief of police training course, a newly 38
appointed chief of police shall receive compensation in the same 39
manner and amounts as if carrying out the powers and duties of 40
the office of chief of police. The costs of conducting the chief 41
of police training course shall be paid from state funds 42
appropriated to the attorney general. The cost of meals, 43
lodging, and travel of a newly appointed chief of police 44
attending the chief of police training course shall be paid from 45
the budget of the entity for which the newly appointed chief of 46

police was appointed.

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(E) As used in this section:

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"Newly appointed chief of police" means a person appointed
chief of police under section 505.49, 737.05, or 737.15 of the
Revised Code or any administrative official that is responsible
for the daily administration and supervision of peace officers
in a law enforcement agency who did not hold the office of chief
of police on the date the person was appointed chief of police.

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"Law enforcement agency" means a municipal or township
police department, or any other entity authorized by statute to
appoint peace officers to enforce criminal laws and who have the
statutory power of arrest. "Law enforcement agency" does not
include a county sheriff's office, the state highway patrol, or
the bureau of criminal identification and investigation.

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