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**A BILL**

To amend sections 109.73, 109.74, and 109.77 of the  
Revised Code to prohibit the Ohio Peace Officer  
Training Commission from recommending and the  
Attorney General from adopting a rule limiting  
the number of hours of basic training required  
for peace officers and to generally require all  
persons newly appointed to a peace officer  
position to have received a high school diploma  
or certificate of high school equivalence.

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

**Section 1.** That sections 109.73, 109.74, and 109.77 of the  
Revised Code be amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 109.73.** (A) The Ohio peace officer training  
commission shall recommend rules to the attorney general with  
respect to all of the following:

(1) The approval, or revocation of approval, of peace  
officer training schools administered by the state, counties,  
municipal corporations, public school districts, technical  
college districts, and the department of natural resources;

(2) Minimum courses of study, attendance requirements, and equipment and facilities to be required at approved state, county, municipal, and department of natural resources peace officer training schools;

(3) Minimum qualifications for instructors at approved state, county, municipal, and department of natural resources peace officer training schools;

(4) The requirements of minimum basic training that peace officers appointed to probationary terms shall complete before being eligible for permanent appointment, which requirements shall include training in the handling of the offense of domestic violence, other types of domestic violence-related offenses and incidents, and protection orders and consent agreements issued or approved under section 2919.26 or 3113.31 of the Revised Code; crisis intervention training; and training in the handling of missing children and child abuse and neglect cases; and training in handling violations of section 2905.32 of the Revised Code; and the time within which such basic training shall be completed following appointment to a probationary term;

(5) The requirements of minimum basic training that peace officers not appointed for probationary terms but appointed on other than a permanent basis shall complete in order to be eligible for continued employment or permanent appointment, which requirements shall include training in the handling of the offense of domestic violence, other types of domestic violence-related offenses and incidents, and protection orders and consent agreements issued or approved under section 2919.26 or 3113.31 of the Revised Code, crisis intervention training, and training in the handling of missing children and child abuse and neglect cases, and training in handling violations of section

2905.32 of the Revised Code, and the time within which such 49  
basic training shall be completed following appointment on other 50  
than a permanent basis; 51

(6) Categories or classifications of advanced in-service 52  
training programs for peace officers, including programs in the 53  
handling of the offense of domestic violence, other types of 54  
domestic violence-related offenses and incidents, and protection 55  
orders and consent agreements issued or approved under section 56  
2919.26 or 3113.31 of the Revised Code, in crisis intervention, 57  
and in the handling of missing children and child abuse and 58  
neglect cases, and in handling violations of section 2905.32 of 59  
the Revised Code, and minimum courses of study and attendance 60  
requirements with respect to such categories or classifications; 61

(7) Permitting persons, who are employed as members of a 62  
campus police department appointed under section 1713.50 of the 63  
Revised Code; who are employed as police officers by a qualified 64  
nonprofit corporation police department pursuant to section 65  
1702.80 of the Revised Code; who are appointed and commissioned 66  
as bank, savings and loan association, savings bank, credit 67  
union, or association of banks, savings and loan associations, 68  
savings banks, or credit unions police officers, as railroad 69  
police officers, or as hospital police officers pursuant to 70  
sections 4973.17 to 4973.22 of the Revised Code; or who are 71  
appointed and commissioned as amusement park police officers 72  
pursuant to section 4973.17 of the Revised Code, to attend 73  
approved peace officer training schools, including the Ohio 74  
peace officer training academy, and to receive certificates of 75  
satisfactory completion of basic training programs, if the 76  
private college or university that established the campus police 77  
department; qualified nonprofit corporation police department; 78  
bank, savings and loan association, savings bank, credit union, 79

or association of banks, savings and loan associations, savings banks, or credit unions; railroad company; hospital; or amusement park sponsoring the police officers pays the entire cost of the training and certification and if trainee vacancies are available;

(8) Permitting undercover drug agents to attend approved peace officer training schools, other than the Ohio peace officer training academy, and to receive certificates of satisfactory completion of basic training programs, if, for each undercover drug agent, the county, township, or municipal corporation that employs that undercover drug agent pays the entire cost of the training and certification;

(9) (a) The requirements for basic training programs for bailiffs and deputy bailiffs of courts of record of this state and for criminal investigators employed by the state public defender that those persons shall complete before they may carry a firearm while on duty;

(b) The requirements for any training received by a bailiff or deputy bailiff of a court of record of this state or by a criminal investigator employed by the state public defender prior to June 6, 1986, that is to be considered equivalent to the training described in division (A) (9) (a) of this section.

(10) Establishing minimum qualifications and requirements for certification for dogs utilized by law enforcement agencies;

(11) Establishing minimum requirements for certification of persons who are employed as correction officers in a full-service jail, five-day facility, or eight-hour holding facility or who provide correction services in such a jail or facility;

(12) Establishing requirements for the training of agents

of a county humane society under section 1717.06 of the Revised Code, including, without limitation, a requirement that the agents receive instruction on traditional animal husbandry methods and training techniques, including customary owner-performed practices.

(B) The commission shall not recommend any rule or rules to the attorney general with respect to any limit on the number of basic training hours in any program or topic listed in division (A) of this section.

(C) The commission shall appoint an executive director, with the approval of the attorney general, who shall hold office during the pleasure of the commission. The executive director shall perform such duties assigned by the commission. The executive director shall receive a salary fixed pursuant to Chapter 124. of the Revised Code and reimbursement for expenses within the amounts available by appropriation. The executive director may appoint officers, employees, agents, and consultants as the executive director considers necessary, prescribe their duties, and provide for reimbursement of their expenses within the amounts available for reimbursement by appropriation and with the approval of the commission.

~~(C)~~ (D) The commission may do all of the following:

(1) Recommend studies, surveys, and reports to be made by the executive director regarding the carrying out of the objectives and purposes of sections 109.71 to 109.77 of the Revised Code;

(2) Visit and inspect any peace officer training school that has been approved by the executive director or for which application for approval has been made;

(3) Make recommendations, from time to time, to the executive director, the attorney general, and the general assembly regarding the carrying out of the purposes of sections 109.71 to 109.77 of the Revised Code;

(4) Report to the attorney general from time to time, and to the governor and the general assembly at least annually, concerning the activities of the commission;

(5) Establish fees for the services the commission offers under sections 109.71 to 109.79 of the Revised Code, including, but not limited to, fees for training, certification, and testing;

(6) Perform such other acts as are necessary or appropriate to carry out the powers and duties of the commission as set forth in sections 109.71 to 109.77 of the Revised Code.

~~(D)~~(E) In establishing the requirements, under division (A) (12) of this section, the commission may consider any portions of the curriculum for instruction on the topic of animal husbandry practices, if any, of the Ohio state university college of veterinary medicine. No person or entity that fails to provide instruction on traditional animal husbandry methods and training techniques, including customary owner-performed practices, shall qualify to train a humane agent for appointment under section 1717.06 of the Revised Code.

**Sec. 109.74.** (A) The attorney general, in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, has discretion to adopt and promulgate any or all of the rules and regulations recommended by the Ohio peace officer training commission to the attorney general pursuant to section 109.73 of the Revised Code. When the attorney general promulgates any rule or regulation recommended

by the commission, the attorney general shall transmit a 167  
certified copy thereof to the secretary of state. 168

(B) The attorney general shall not adopt or promulgate any 169  
rule or regulation with respect to any limit on the number of 170  
basic training hours in any program or topic listed in division 171  
(A) of this section. 172

**Sec. 109.77.** (A) As used in this section, "felony" has the 173  
same meaning as in section 109.511 of the Revised Code. 174

(B) (1) Notwithstanding any general, special, or local law 175  
or charter to the contrary, and except as otherwise provided in 176  
this section, no person shall receive an original appointment on 177  
a permanent basis as any of the following unless the person 178  
previously has been awarded a certificate by the executive 179  
director of the Ohio peace officer training commission attesting 180  
to the person's satisfactory completion of an approved state, 181  
county, municipal, or department of natural resources peace 182  
officer basic training program and, with respect to an 183  
appointment on or after the effective date of this amendment, 184  
satisfies division (L) (1) of this section: 185

(a) A peace officer of any county, township, municipal 186  
corporation, regional transit authority, or metropolitan housing 187  
authority; 188

(b) A natural resources law enforcement staff officer, 189  
park officer, forest officer, preserve officer, wildlife 190  
officer, or state watercraft officer of the department of 191  
natural resources; 192

(c) An employee of a park district under section 511.232 193  
or 1545.13 of the Revised Code; 194

(d) An employee of a conservancy district who is 195

designated pursuant to section 6101.75 of the Revised Code;	196
(e) A state university law enforcement officer;	197
(f) A special police officer employed by the department of	198
mental health and addiction services pursuant to section 5119.08	199
of the Revised Code or the department of developmental	200
disabilities pursuant to section 5123.13 of the Revised Code;	201
(g) An enforcement agent of the department of public	202
safety whom the director of public safety designates under	203
section 5502.14 of the Revised Code;	204
(h) A special police officer employed by a port authority	205
under section 4582.04 or 4582.28 of the Revised Code;	206
(i) A special police officer employed by a municipal	207
corporation at a municipal airport, or other municipal air	208
navigation facility, that has scheduled operations, as defined	209
in section 119.3 of Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations,	210
14 C.F.R. 119.3, as amended, and that is required to be under a	211
security program and is governed by aviation security rules of	212
the transportation security administration of the United States	213
department of transportation as provided in Parts 1542. and	214
1544. of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, as	215
amended;	216
(j) A gaming agent employed under section 3772.03 of the	217
Revised Code.	218
(2) Every person who is appointed on a temporary basis or	219
for a probationary term or on other than a permanent basis as	220
any of the following shall forfeit the appointed position unless	221
the person previously has completed satisfactorily or, within	222
the time prescribed by rules adopted by the attorney general	223
pursuant to section 109.74 of the Revised Code, satisfactorily	224



completes a state, county, municipal, or department of natural 225  
resources peace officer basic training program for temporary or 226  
probationary officers ~~and~~, is awarded a certificate by the 227  
director attesting to the satisfactory completion of the 228  
program, and, with respect to an appointment on or after the 229  
effective date of this amendment, satisfies division (L)(1) of 230  
this section: 231

(a) A peace officer of any county, township, municipal 232  
corporation, regional transit authority, or metropolitan housing 233  
authority; 234

(b) A natural resources law enforcement staff officer, 235  
park officer, forest officer, preserve officer, wildlife 236  
officer, or state watercraft officer of the department of 237  
natural resources; 238

(c) An employee of a park district under section 511.232 239  
or 1545.13 of the Revised Code; 240

(d) An employee of a conservancy district who is 241  
designated pursuant to section 6101.75 of the Revised Code; 242

(e) A special police officer employed by the department of 243  
mental health and addiction services pursuant to section 5119.08 244  
of the Revised Code or the department of developmental 245  
disabilities pursuant to section 5123.13 of the Revised Code; 246

(f) An enforcement agent of the department of public 247  
safety whom the director of public safety designates under 248  
section 5502.14 of the Revised Code; 249

(g) A special police officer employed by a port authority 250  
under section 4582.04 or 4582.28 of the Revised Code; 251

(h) A special police officer employed by a municipal 252

corporation at a municipal airport, or other municipal air 253  
navigation facility, that has scheduled operations, as defined 254  
in section 119.3 of Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations, 255  
14 C.F.R. 119.3, as amended, and that is required to be under a 256  
security program and is governed by aviation security rules of 257  
the transportation security administration of the United States 258  
department of transportation as provided in Parts 1542. and 259  
1544. of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, as 260  
amended. 261

(3) For purposes of division (B) of this section, a state, 262  
county, municipal, or department of natural resources peace 263  
officer basic training program, regardless of whether the 264  
program is to be completed by peace officers appointed on a 265  
permanent or temporary, probationary, or other nonpermanent 266  
basis, shall include training in the handling of the offense of 267  
domestic violence, other types of domestic violence-related 268  
offenses and incidents, and protection orders and consent 269  
agreements issued or approved under section 2919.26 or 3113.31 270  
of the Revised Code and crisis intervention training. The 271  
requirement to complete training in the handling of the offense 272  
of domestic violence, other types of domestic violence-related 273  
offenses and incidents, and protection orders and consent 274  
agreements issued or approved under section 2919.26 or 3113.31 275  
of the Revised Code does not apply to any person serving as a 276  
peace officer on March 27, 1979, and the requirement to complete 277  
training in crisis intervention does not apply to any person 278  
serving as a peace officer on April 4, 1985. Any person who is 279  
serving as a peace officer on April 4, 1985, who terminates that 280  
employment after that date, and who subsequently is hired as a 281  
peace officer by the same or another law enforcement agency 282  
shall complete training in crisis intervention as prescribed by 283

rules adopted by the attorney general pursuant to section 284  
109.742 of the Revised Code. No peace officer shall have 285  
employment as a peace officer terminated and then be reinstated 286  
with intent to circumvent this section. 287

(4) Division (B) of this section does not apply to any 288  
person serving on a permanent basis on March 28, 1985, as a park 289  
officer, forest officer, preserve officer, wildlife officer, or 290  
state watercraft officer of the department of natural resources 291  
or as an employee of a park district under section 511.232 or 292  
1545.13 of the Revised Code, to any person serving on a 293  
permanent basis on March 6, 1986, as an employee of a 294  
conservancy district designated pursuant to section 6101.75 of 295  
the Revised Code, to any person serving on a permanent basis on 296  
January 10, 1991, as a preserve officer of the department of 297  
natural resources, to any person employed on a permanent basis 298  
on July 2, 1992, as a special police officer by the department 299  
of mental health and addiction services pursuant to section 300  
5119.08 of the Revised Code or by the department of 301  
developmental disabilities pursuant to section 5123.13 of the 302  
Revised Code, to any person serving on a permanent basis on May 303  
17, 2000, as a special police officer employed by a port 304  
authority under section 4582.04 or 4582.28 of the Revised Code, 305  
to any person serving on a permanent basis on March 19, 2003, as 306  
a special police officer employed by a municipal corporation at 307  
a municipal airport or other municipal air navigation facility 308  
described in division (A)(19) of section 109.71 of the Revised 309  
Code, to any person serving on a permanent basis on June 19, 310  
1978, as a state university law enforcement officer pursuant to 311  
section 3345.04 of the Revised Code and who, immediately prior 312  
to June 19, 1978, was serving as a special police officer 313  
designated under authority of that section, or to any person 314

serving on a permanent basis on September 20, 1984, as a liquor control investigator, known after June 30, 1999, as an enforcement agent of the department of public safety, engaged in the enforcement of Chapters 4301. and 4303. of the Revised Code.

(5) Division (B) of this section does not apply to any person who is appointed as a regional transit authority police officer pursuant to division (Y) of section 306.35 of the Revised Code if, on or before July 1, 1996, the person has completed satisfactorily an approved state, county, municipal, or department of natural resources peace officer basic training program and has been awarded a certificate by the executive director of the Ohio peace officer training commission attesting to the person's satisfactory completion of such an approved program and if, on July 1, 1996, the person is performing peace officer functions for a regional transit authority.

(C) No person, after September 20, 1984, shall receive an original appointment on a permanent basis as a veterans' home police officer designated under section 5907.02 of the Revised Code unless the person previously has been awarded a certificate by the executive director of the Ohio peace officer training commission attesting to the person's satisfactory completion of an approved police officer basic training program. Every person who is appointed on a temporary basis or for a probationary term or on other than a permanent basis as a veterans' home police officer designated under section 5907.02 of the Revised Code shall forfeit that position unless the person previously has completed satisfactorily or, within one year from the time of appointment, satisfactorily completes an approved police officer basic training program.

(D) No bailiff or deputy bailiff of a court of record of

this state and no criminal investigator who is employed by the 345  
state public defender shall carry a firearm, as defined in 346  
section 2923.11 of the Revised Code, while on duty unless the 347  
bailiff, deputy bailiff, or criminal investigator has done or 348  
received one of the following: 349

(1) Has been awarded a certificate by the executive 350  
director of the Ohio peace officer training commission, which 351  
certificate attests to satisfactory completion of an approved 352  
state, county, or municipal basic training program for bailiffs 353  
and deputy bailiffs of courts of record and for criminal 354  
investigators employed by the state public defender that has 355  
been recommended by the Ohio peace officer training commission; 356

(2) Has successfully completed a firearms training program 357  
approved by the Ohio peace officer training commission prior to 358  
employment as a bailiff, deputy bailiff, or criminal 359  
investigator; 360

(3) Prior to June 6, 1986, was authorized to carry a 361  
firearm by the court that employed the bailiff or deputy bailiff 362  
or, in the case of a criminal investigator, by the state public 363  
defender and has received training in the use of firearms that 364  
the Ohio peace officer training commission determines is 365  
equivalent to the training that otherwise is required by 366  
division (D) of this section. 367

(E) (1) Before a person seeking a certificate completes an 368  
approved peace officer basic training program, the executive 369  
director of the Ohio peace officer training commission shall 370  
request the person to disclose, and the person shall disclose, 371  
any previous criminal conviction of or plea of guilty of that 372  
person to a felony. 373

(2) Before a person seeking a certificate completes an approved peace officer basic training program, the executive director shall request a criminal history records check on the person. The executive director shall submit the person's fingerprints to the bureau of criminal identification and investigation, which shall submit the fingerprints to the federal bureau of investigation for a national criminal history records check.

Upon receipt of the executive director's request, the bureau of criminal identification and investigation and the federal bureau of investigation shall conduct a criminal history records check on the person and, upon completion of the check, shall provide a copy of the criminal history records check to the executive director. The executive director shall not award any certificate prescribed in this section unless the executive director has received a copy of the criminal history records check on the person to whom the certificate is to be awarded.

(3) The executive director of the commission shall not award a certificate prescribed in this section to a person who has been convicted of or has pleaded guilty to a felony or who fails to disclose any previous criminal conviction of or plea of guilty to a felony as required under division (E) (1) of this section.

(4) The executive director of the commission shall revoke the certificate awarded to a person as prescribed in this section, and that person shall forfeit all of the benefits derived from being certified as a peace officer under this section, if the person, before completion of an approved peace officer basic training program, failed to disclose any previous criminal conviction of or plea of guilty to a felony as required

under division (E) (1) of this section. 404

(F) (1) Regardless of whether the person has been awarded 405  
the certificate or has been classified as a peace officer prior 406  
to, on, or after October 16, 1996, the executive director of the 407  
Ohio peace officer training commission shall revoke any 408  
certificate that has been awarded to a person as prescribed in 409  
this section if the person does either of the following: 410

(a) Pleads guilty to a felony committed on or after 411  
January 1, 1997; 412

(b) Pleads guilty to a misdemeanor committed on or after 413  
January 1, 1997, pursuant to a negotiated plea agreement as 414  
provided in division (D) of section 2929.43 of the Revised Code 415  
in which the person agrees to surrender the certificate awarded 416  
to the person under this section. 417

(2) The executive director of the commission shall suspend 418  
any certificate that has been awarded to a person as prescribed 419  
in this section if the person is convicted, after trial, of a 420  
felony committed on or after January 1, 1997. The executive 421  
director shall suspend the certificate pursuant to division (F) 422  
(2) of this section pending the outcome of an appeal by the 423  
person from that conviction to the highest court to which the 424  
appeal is taken or until the expiration of the period in which 425  
an appeal is required to be filed. If the person files an appeal 426  
that results in that person's acquittal of the felony or 427  
conviction of a misdemeanor, or in the dismissal of the felony 428  
charge against that person, the executive director shall 429  
reinstate the certificate awarded to the person under this 430  
section. If the person files an appeal from that person's 431  
conviction of the felony and the conviction is upheld by the 432  
highest court to which the appeal is taken or if the person does 433

not file a timely appeal, the executive director shall revoke 434  
the certificate awarded to the person under this section. 435

(G) (1) If a person is awarded a certificate under this 436  
section and the certificate is revoked pursuant to division (E) 437  
(4) or (F) of this section, the person shall not be eligible to 438  
receive, at any time, a certificate attesting to the person's 439  
satisfactory completion of a peace officer basic training 440  
program. 441

(2) The revocation or suspension of a certificate under 442  
division (E) (4) or (F) of this section shall be in accordance 443  
with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. 444

(H) (1) A person who was employed as a peace officer of a 445  
county, township, or municipal corporation of the state on 446  
January 1, 1966, and who has completed at least sixteen years of 447  
full-time active service as such a peace officer, or equivalent 448  
service as determined by the executive director of the Ohio 449  
peace officer training commission, may receive an original 450  
appointment on a permanent basis and serve as a peace officer of 451  
a county, township, or municipal corporation, or as a state 452  
university law enforcement officer, without complying with the 453  
requirements of division (B) of this section. 454

(2) Any person who held an appointment as a state highway 455  
trooper on January 1, 1966, may receive an original appointment 456  
on a permanent basis and serve as a peace officer of a county, 457  
township, or municipal corporation, or as a state university law 458  
enforcement officer, without complying with the requirements of 459  
division (B) of this section. 460

(I) No person who is appointed as a peace officer of a 461  
county, township, or municipal corporation on or after April 9, 462



1985, shall serve as a peace officer of that county, township, 463  
or municipal corporation unless the person has received training 464  
in the handling of missing children and child abuse and neglect 465  
cases from an approved state, county, township, or municipal 466  
police officer basic training program or receives the training 467  
within the time prescribed by rules adopted by the attorney 468  
general pursuant to section 109.741 of the Revised Code. 469

(J) No part of any approved state, county, or municipal 470  
basic training program for bailiffs and deputy bailiffs of 471  
courts of record and no part of any approved state, county, or 472  
municipal basic training program for criminal investigators 473  
employed by the state public defender shall be used as credit 474  
toward the completion by a peace officer of any part of the 475  
approved state, county, or municipal peace officer basic 476  
training program that the peace officer is required by this 477  
section to complete satisfactorily. 478

(K) This section does not apply to any member of the 479  
police department of a municipal corporation in an adjoining 480  
state serving in this state under a contract pursuant to section 481  
737.04 of the Revised Code. 482

(L) (1) On or after the effective date of this amendment, 483  
no person shall receive an original appointment to a position 484  
listed in division (B)(1) or (2) of this section unless the 485  
person has received a high school diploma or a certificate of 486  
high school equivalence, as defined in section 4109.06 of the 487  
Revised Code. 488

(2) Any person appointed prior to the effective date of 489  
this section as a state highway patrol trooper or to a position 490  
listed in division (B)(1) or (2) of this section may receive an 491  
appointment on or after the effective date of this section to 492

<u>any position listed in division (B) (1) or (2) of this section</u>	493
<u>without satisfying division (L) (1) of this section.</u>	494
<b>Section 2.</b> That existing sections 109.73, 109.74, and	495
109.77 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed.	496