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A BILL

To amend section 4765.16 and to enact sections 1
109.7410 and 4765.162 of the Revised Code to 2
require emergency medical service personnel and 3
peace officers to undergo dementia-related 4
training. 5

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

Section 1. That section 4765.16 be amended and sections 6
109.7410 and 4765.162 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as 7
follows: 8

Sec. 109.7410. (A) As used in this section, "dementia" 9
includes Alzheimer's disease or a related disorder. 10

(B) The attorney general, in consultation with the 11
departments of aging and job and family services, shall adopt, 12
in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code or pursuant 13
to section 109.74 of the Revised Code, rules governing the 14
training of peace officers in identifying and interacting with 15
individuals with dementia. The rules shall specify both of the 16
following: 17

(1) The amount of dementia-related training, which shall 18
be at least two hours of instruction, that is necessary for 19

satisfactory completion of basic training programs at approved 20
peace officer training schools; 21

(2) The amount of dementia-related training, which shall 22
be at least one hour of instruction, that may be credited for 23
continuing professional training. 24

(C) The dementia-related training required under this 25
section shall include instruction in all of the following: 26

(1) Identifying individuals with dementia, including 27
psychiatric and behavioral symptoms of dementia; 28

(2) Respectful and effective communication techniques for 29
communicating with individuals with dementia and their 30
caregivers; 31

(3) Techniques for addressing the behavioral symptoms of 32
dementia, including alternatives to physical restraint; 33

(4) Identifying and reporting incidents of abuse, neglect, 34
and exploitation of individuals with dementia to the appropriate 35
county department of job and family services in accordance with 36
section 5101.63 of the Revised Code; 37

(5) Protocols for contacting caregivers when an individual 38
with dementia is found wandering or during an emergency or 39
crisis situation; 40

(6) Local resources available for individuals with 41
dementia; 42

(7) Local and national organizations that assist peace 43
officers with locating missing and wandering individuals with 44
dementia and returning them to their caregivers. 45

Sec. 4765.16. (A) All courses offered through an emergency 46

medical services training program or an emergency medical 47
services continuing education program, other than an ambulance 48
driving course and the dementia-related training course 49
developed under section 4765.162 of the Revised Code, shall be 50
developed under the direction of a physician who specializes in 51
emergency medicine. Each course that deals with trauma care 52
shall be developed in consultation with a physician who 53
specializes in trauma surgery. ~~Except—~~ 54

Except as specified by the state board of emergency 55
medical, fire, and transportation services pursuant to rules 56
adopted under section 4765.11 of the Revised Code, each course 57
offered through a training program or continuing education 58
program shall be taught by a person who holds the appropriate 59
certificate to teach issued under section 4765.23 of the Revised 60
Code. 61

(B) A training program for first responders shall meet the 62
standards established in rules adopted by the board under 63
section 4765.11 of the Revised Code. The program shall include 64
courses in ~~both~~each of the following areas for at least the 65
number of hours established by the board's rules: 66

(1) Emergency victim care; 67

(2) Reading and interpreting a trauma victim's vital 68
signs; 69

(3) Identifying and interacting with individuals with 70
dementia, as provided in the dementia-related training course 71
developed under section 4765.162 of the Revised Code. 72

(C) A training program for emergency medical technicians- 73
basic shall meet the standards established in rules adopted by 74
the board under section 4765.11 of the Revised Code. The program 75

shall include courses in each of the following areas for at 76
least the number of hours established by the board's rules: 77

(1) Emergency victim care; 78

(2) Reading and interpreting a trauma victim's vital 79
signs; 80

(3) Triage protocols for adult and pediatric trauma 81
victims; 82

(4) In-hospital training; 83

(5) Clinical training; 84

(6) Training as an ambulance driver; 85

(7) Identifying and interacting with individuals with 86
dementia, as provided in the dementia-related training course 87
developed under section 4765.162 of the Revised Code. 88

Each operator of a training program for emergency medical 89
technicians-basic shall allow any pupil in the twelfth grade in 90
a secondary school who is at least seventeen years old and who 91
otherwise meets the requirements for admission into such a 92
training program to be admitted to and complete the program and, 93
as part of the training, to ride in an ambulance with emergency 94
medical technicians-basic, emergency medical technicians- 95
intermediate, and emergency medical technicians-paramedic. Each 96
emergency medical service organization shall allow pupils 97
participating in training programs to ride in an ambulance with 98
emergency medical technicians-basic, advanced emergency medical 99
technicians-intermediate, and emergency medical technicians- 100
paramedic. 101

(D) A training program for emergency medical technicians- 102
intermediate shall meet the standards established in rules 103

adopted by the board under section 4765.11 of the Revised Code. 104
The program shall include, or require as a prerequisite, the 105
training specified in division (C) of this section and courses 106
in each of the following areas for at least the number of hours 107
established by the board's rules: 108

(1) Recognizing symptoms of life-threatening allergic 109
reactions and in calculating proper dosage levels and 110
administering injections of epinephrine to persons who suffer 111
life-threatening allergic reactions, conducted in accordance 112
with rules adopted by the board under section 4765.11 of the 113
Revised Code; 114

(2) Venous access procedures; 115

(3) Cardiac monitoring and electrical interventions to 116
support or correct the cardiac function. 117

(E) A training program for emergency medical technicians- 118
paramedic shall meet the standards established in rules adopted 119
by the board under section 4765.11 of the Revised Code. The 120
program shall include, or require as a prerequisite, the 121
training specified in divisions (C) and (D) of this section and 122
courses in each of the following areas for at least the number 123
of hours established by the board's rules: 124

(1) Medical terminology; 125

(2) Venous access procedures; 126

(3) Airway procedures; 127

(4) Patient assessment and triage; 128

(5) Acute cardiac care, including administration of 129
parenteral injections, electrical interventions, and other 130
emergency medical services; 131

(6) Emergency and trauma victim care beyond that required 132
under division (C) of this section; 133

(7) Clinical training beyond that required under division 134
(C) of this section. 135

(F) A continuing education program for first responders, 136
EMTs-basic, EMTs-I, or paramedics shall meet the standards 137
established in rules adopted by the board under section 4765.11 138
of the Revised Code. A continuing education program shall 139
include instruction and training in subjects established by the 140
board's rules for at least the number of hours established by 141
the board's rules. A continuing education program also shall 142
include instruction in identifying and interacting with 143
individuals with dementia, as provided in the dementia-related 144
training course developed under section 4765.162 of the Revised 145
Code. 146

Sec. 4765.162. (A) As used in this section, "dementia" 147
includes Alzheimer's disease or a related disorder. 148

(B) The state board of emergency medical, fire, and 149
transportation services, in consultation with the departments of 150
aging and job and family services, shall develop a dementia- 151
related training course to be included in all emergency medical 152
services training programs accredited under section 4765.15 of 153
the Revised Code and all emergency medical services continuing 154
education programs approved under that section. 155

(C) The board shall adopt rules under section 4765.11 of 156
the Revised Code governing the dementia-related training course 157
developed under this section. The rules shall specify both of 158
the following: 159

(1) The amount of training, which shall be at least two 160

hours of instruction, that is necessary for satisfactory 161
completion of the dementia-related training course included in 162
an emergency medical services training program; 163

(2) The amount of training, which shall be at least one 164
hour of instruction, that is necessary for satisfactory 165
completion of the dementia-related training course included in 166
an emergency medical services continuing education program. 167

(D) The dementia-related training course developed under 168
this section shall include instruction in all of the following: 169

(1) Identifying individuals with dementia, including 170
psychiatric and behavioral symptoms of dementia and common 171
medical emergencies experienced by individuals with dementia; 172

(2) Respectful and effective communication techniques for 173
communicating with individuals with dementia and their 174
caregivers; 175

(3) Techniques for addressing the behavioral symptoms of 176
dementia during the administration of emergency medical 177
treatment; 178

(4) Identifying and reporting incidents of abuse, neglect, 179
and exploitation of individuals with dementia to the appropriate 180
county department of job and family services in accordance with 181
section 5101.63 of the Revised Code; 182

(5) Protocols for contacting caregivers when an individual 183
with dementia is found wandering or during an emergency or 184
crisis situation; 185

(6) Local resources available for individuals with 186
dementia; 187

(7) Local and national organizations that assist emergency 188

<u>medical service personnel with locating missing and wandering</u>	189
<u>individuals with dementia and returning them to their</u>	190
<u>caregivers.</u>	191
Section 2. That existing section 4765.16 of the Revised	192
Code is hereby repealed.	193