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**A BILL**

To amend sections 4765.16 and 5503.01 and to enact 1  
sections 109.7410 and 4765.162 of the Revised 2  
Code to require emergency medical service 3  
personnel and peace officers to undergo 4  
dementia-related training and to increase the 5  
maximum allowable age for new state highway 6  
patrol troopers. 7

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

**Section 1.** That sections 4765.16 and 5503.01 be amended 8  
and sections 109.7410 and 4765.162 of the Revised Code be 9  
enacted to read as follows: 10

**Sec. 109.7410.** (A) As used in this section, "dementia" 11  
includes Alzheimer's disease or a related disorder. 12

(B) The attorney general, in consultation with the 13

departments of aging and job and family services, shall adopt, 14  
in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code or pursuant 15  
to section 109.74 of the Revised Code, rules governing the 16  
training of peace officers in identifying and interacting with 17  
individuals with dementia. The rules shall specify both of the 18  
following: 19

(1) The amount of dementia-related training, which shall 20  
be determined in accordance with guidance from the Ohio peace 21  
officer training commission, if needed, that is necessary for 22  
satisfactory completion of basic training programs at approved 23  
peace officer training schools. The amount of dementia-related 24  
training determined under division (B)(1) of this section shall 25  
not exceed two hours. 26

(2) The amount of dementia-related training, which shall 27  
be determined in accordance with guidance from the Ohio peace 28  
officer training commission, if needed, that may be credited for 29  
continuing professional training. The amount of dementia-related 30  
training determined under division (B)(2) of this section shall 31  
not exceed one hour. 32

(C) The dementia-related training required under this 33  
section shall include instruction in all of the following: 34

(1) Identifying individuals with dementia, including 35  
psychiatric and behavioral symptoms of dementia; 36

(2) Respectful and effective communication techniques for 37  
communicating with individuals with dementia and their 38  
caregivers; 39

(3) Techniques for addressing the behavioral symptoms of 40  
dementia, including alternatives to physical restraint; 41

(4) Identifying and reporting incidents of abuse, neglect, 42

and exploitation of individuals with dementia to the appropriate 43  
county department of job and family services in accordance with 44  
section 5101.63 of the Revised Code; 45

(5) Protocols for contacting caregivers when an individual 46  
with dementia is found wandering or during an emergency or 47  
crisis situation; 48

(6) Local resources available for individuals with 49  
dementia; 50

(7) Local and national organizations that assist peace 51  
officers with locating missing and wandering individuals with 52  
dementia and returning them to their caregivers. 53

**Sec. 4765.16.** (A) All courses offered through an emergency 54  
medical services training program or an emergency medical 55  
services continuing education program, other than an ambulance 56  
driving course and the dementia-related training course 57  
developed under section 4765.162 of the Revised Code, shall be 58  
developed under the direction of a physician who specializes in 59  
emergency medicine. Each course that deals with trauma care 60  
shall be developed in consultation with a physician who 61  
specializes in trauma surgery. ~~Except~~ 62

Except as specified by the state board of emergency 63  
medical, fire, and transportation services pursuant to rules 64  
adopted under section 4765.11 of the Revised Code, each course 65  
offered through a training program or continuing education 66  
program shall be taught by a person who holds the appropriate 67  
certificate to teach issued under section 4765.23 of the Revised 68  
Code. 69

(B) A training program for first responders shall meet the 70  
standards established in rules adopted by the board under 71

section 4765.11 of the Revised Code. The program shall include 72  
courses in ~~both~~each of the following areas for at least the 73  
number of hours established by the board's rules: 74

(1) Emergency victim care; 75

(2) Reading and interpreting a trauma victim's vital 76  
signs; 77

(3) Identifying and interacting with individuals with 78  
dementia, as provided in the dementia-related training course 79  
developed under section 4765.162 of the Revised Code. 80

(C) A training program for emergency medical technicians- 81  
basic shall meet the standards established in rules adopted by 82  
the board under section 4765.11 of the Revised Code. The program 83  
shall include courses in each of the following areas for at 84  
least the number of hours established by the board's rules: 85

(1) Emergency victim care; 86

(2) Reading and interpreting a trauma victim's vital 87  
signs; 88

(3) Triage protocols for adult and pediatric trauma 89  
victims; 90

(4) In-hospital training; 91

(5) Clinical training; 92

(6) Training as an ambulance driver; 93

(7) Identifying and interacting with individuals with 94  
dementia, as provided in the dementia-related training course 95  
developed under section 4765.162 of the Revised Code. 96

Each operator of a training program for emergency medical 97  
technicians-basic shall allow any pupil in the twelfth grade in 98

a secondary school who is at least seventeen years old and who 99  
otherwise meets the requirements for admission into such a 100  
training program to be admitted to and complete the program and, 101  
as part of the training, to ride in an ambulance with emergency 102  
medical technicians-basic, emergency medical technicians- 103  
intermediate, and emergency medical technicians-paramedic. Each 104  
emergency medical service organization shall allow pupils 105  
participating in training programs to ride in an ambulance with 106  
emergency medical technicians-basic, advanced emergency medical 107  
technicians-intermediate, and emergency medical technicians- 108  
paramedic. 109

(D) A training program for emergency medical technicians- 110  
intermediate shall meet the standards established in rules 111  
adopted by the board under section 4765.11 of the Revised Code. 112  
The program shall include, or require as a prerequisite, the 113  
training specified in division (C) of this section and courses 114  
in each of the following areas for at least the number of hours 115  
established by the board's rules: 116

(1) Recognizing symptoms of life-threatening allergic 117  
reactions and in calculating proper dosage levels and 118  
administering injections of epinephrine to persons who suffer 119  
life-threatening allergic reactions, conducted in accordance 120  
with rules adopted by the board under section 4765.11 of the 121  
Revised Code; 122

(2) Venous access procedures; 123

(3) Cardiac monitoring and electrical interventions to 124  
support or correct the cardiac function. 125

(E) A training program for emergency medical technicians- 126  
paramedic shall meet the standards established in rules adopted 127

by the board under section 4765.11 of the Revised Code. The 128  
program shall include, or require as a prerequisite, the 129  
training specified in divisions (C) and (D) of this section and 130  
courses in each of the following areas for at least the number 131  
of hours established by the board's rules: 132

(1) Medical terminology; 133

(2) Venous access procedures; 134

(3) Airway procedures; 135

(4) Patient assessment and triage; 136

(5) Acute cardiac care, including administration of 137  
parenteral injections, electrical interventions, and other 138  
emergency medical services; 139

(6) Emergency and trauma victim care beyond that required 140  
under division (C) of this section; 141

(7) Clinical training beyond that required under division 142  
(C) of this section. 143

(F) A continuing education program for first responders, 144  
EMTs-basic, EMTs-I, or paramedics shall meet the standards 145  
established in rules adopted by the board under section 4765.11 146  
of the Revised Code. A continuing education program shall 147  
include instruction and training in subjects established by the 148  
board's rules for at least the number of hours established by 149  
the board's rules. A continuing education program also shall 150  
include instruction in identifying and interacting with 151  
individuals with dementia, as provided in the dementia-related 152  
training course developed under section 4765.162 of the Revised 153  
Code. 154

**Sec. 4765.162.** (A) As used in this section, "dementia" 155

includes Alzheimer's disease or a related disorder. 156

(B) The state board of emergency medical, fire, and transportation services, in consultation with the departments of aging and job and family services, shall develop a dementia-related training course to be included in all emergency medical services training programs accredited under section 4765.15 of the Revised Code and all emergency medical services continuing education programs approved under that section. 157  
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(C) The board shall adopt rules under section 4765.11 of the Revised Code governing the dementia-related training course developed under this section. The rules shall specify both of the following: 164  
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(1) The amount of training, which shall be at least two hours of instruction, that is necessary for satisfactory completion of the dementia-related training course included in an emergency medical services training program; 168  
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(2) The amount of training, which shall be at least one hour of instruction, that is necessary for satisfactory completion of the dementia-related training course included in an emergency medical services continuing education program. 172  
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(D) The dementia-related training course developed under this section shall include instruction in all of the following: 176  
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(1) Identifying individuals with dementia, including psychiatric and behavioral symptoms of dementia and common medical emergencies experienced by individuals with dementia; 178  
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(2) Respectful and effective communication techniques for communicating with individuals with dementia and their caregivers; 181  
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(3) Techniques for addressing the behavioral symptoms of dementia during the administration of emergency medical treatment; 184  
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(4) Identifying and reporting incidents of abuse, neglect, and exploitation of individuals with dementia to the appropriate county department of job and family services in accordance with section 5101.63 of the Revised Code; 187  
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(5) Protocols for contacting caregivers when an individual with dementia is found wandering or during an emergency or crisis situation; 191  
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(6) Local resources available for individuals with dementia; 194  
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(7) Local and national organizations that assist emergency medical service personnel with locating missing and wandering individuals with dementia and returning them to their caregivers. 196  
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**Sec. 5503.01.** There is hereby created in the department of public safety a division of state highway patrol which shall be administered by a superintendent of the state highway patrol. 200  
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The superintendent shall be appointed by the director of public safety, and shall serve at the director's pleasure. The superintendent shall hold the rank of colonel and be appointed from within the eligible ranks of the patrol. The superintendent shall give bond for the faithful performance of the superintendent's official duties in such amount and with such security as the director approves. 203  
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The superintendent, with the approval of the director, may appoint any number of state highway patrol troopers and radio operators as are necessary to carry out sections 5503.01 to 210  
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5503.06 of the Revised Code, but the number of troopers shall 213  
not be less than eight hundred eighty. The number of radio 214  
operators shall not exceed eighty in number. Except as provided 215  
in this section, at the time of appointment, troopers shall be 216  
not less than twenty-one years of age, nor have reached ~~thirty-~~ 217  
~~five-~~forty years of age. A person who is attending a training 218  
school for prospective state highway patrol troopers established 219  
under section 5503.05 of the Revised Code and attains the age of 220  
~~thirty-five-~~forty years during the person's period of attendance 221  
at that training school shall not be disqualified as over age 222  
and shall be permitted to continue to attend the training school 223  
as long as the person otherwise is eligible to do so. Such a 224  
person also remains eligible to be appointed a trooper. Any 225  
other person who attains or will attain the age of ~~thirty-five-~~ 226  
forty years prior to the time of appointment shall be 227  
disqualified as over age. 228

At the time of appointment, troopers shall have been legal 229  
residents of Ohio for at least one year, except that this 230  
residence requirement may be waived by the superintendent. 231

If any state highway patrol troopers become disabled 232  
through accident or illness, the superintendent, with the 233  
approval of the director, shall fill any vacancies through the 234  
appointment of other troopers from a qualified list to serve 235  
during the period of the disability. 236

The superintendent and state highway patrol troopers shall 237  
be vested with the authority of peace officers for the purpose 238  
of enforcing the laws of the state that it is the duty of the 239  
patrol to enforce and may arrest, without warrant, any person 240  
who, in the presence of the superintendent or any trooper, is 241  
engaged in the violation of any such laws. The state highway 242

patrol troopers shall never be used as peace officers in 243  
connection with any strike or labor dispute. 244

Each state highway patrol trooper and radio operator, upon 245  
appointment and before entering upon official duties, shall take 246  
an oath of office for faithful performance of the trooper's or 247  
radio operator's official duties and execute a bond in the sum 248  
of twenty-five hundred dollars, payable to the state and for the 249  
use and benefit of any aggrieved party who may have a cause of 250  
action against any trooper or radio operator for misconduct 251  
while in the performance of official duties. In no event shall 252  
the bond include any claim arising out of negligent operation of 253  
a motorcycle or motor vehicle used by a trooper or radio 254  
operator in the performance of official duties. 255

The superintendent shall prescribe a distinguishing 256  
uniform and badge which shall be worn by each state highway 257  
patrol trooper and radio operator while on duty, unless 258  
otherwise designated by the superintendent. No person shall wear 259  
the distinguishing uniform of the state highway patrol or the 260  
badge or any distinctive part of that uniform, except on order 261  
of the superintendent. 262

The superintendent, with the approval of the director, may 263  
appoint necessary clerks, stenographers, and employees. 264

**Section 2.** That existing sections 4765.16 and 5503.01 of 265  
the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 266