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**H. B. No. 167**

**Representatives Miranda, Abrams**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Williams, Brennan, Johnson, Seitz, Miller, K.,  
Ghanbari, Creech, Miller, A.**

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**A BILL**

To amend section 109.804 and to enact section 1  
109.791 of the Revised Code to modify the 2  
requirements for chief of police training and to 3  
allow advanced training for officers at or above 4  
the rank of sergeant and to amend the version of 5  
section 109.804 of the Revised Code that is 6  
scheduled to take effect December 29, 2023, to 7  
continue the change on and after that date. 8

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

**Section 1.** That section 109.804 be amended and section 9  
109.791 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows: 10

**Sec. 109.791.** The Ohio peace officer training commission 11  
may establish and conduct police officer training courses in 12  
addition to those specified in section 109.79 of the Revised 13  
Code to be offered to a law enforcement officer at or above the 14  
rank of sergeant. 15

**Sec. 109.804.** (A) The Ohio peace officer training 16  
commission shall develop and ~~conduct~~provide a chief of police 17

training course lasting forty hours for newly appointed chiefs 18  
of police appointed on or after January 1, 2018. The commission 19  
shall determine the course topics, which shall include diversity 20  
training with an emphasis on historical perspectives and 21  
community-police relations, and shall establish criteria for 22  
what constitutes successful completion of the course. The 23  
commission shall conduct the course at ~~the Ohio peace officer-~~ 24  
~~training academy~~ locations determined by the commission and in a 25  
manner prescribed by the commission. The commission shall offer 26  
the course at least semiannually. 27

(B) A newly appointed chief of police may request an 28  
equivalency exemption from ~~a portion~~ eight hours of the forty 29  
hours of the chief of police training course, on topics approved 30  
by the executive director, by submitting to the Ohio peace 31  
officer training commission, ~~not more than ten calendar days-~~ 32  
~~following the person's appointment as a chief of police,~~ 33  
evidence of training or qualification in the subject area of the 34  
exempted ~~portion~~ topics. 35

A request for equivalency exemption by the newly appointed 36  
chief of police shall be provided to the commission not later 37  
than fourteen calendar days before the beginning of the course. 38

(C) Upon presentation of evidence by a newly appointed 39  
chief of police that because of a medical disability or other 40  
good cause the newly appointed chief of police is unable to 41  
complete the chief of police training course, the Ohio peace 42  
officer training commission may defer the requirement for the 43  
newly appointed chief of police to complete the chief of police 44  
training course until the disability or cause terminates. 45

(D) A newly appointed chief of police appointed on or 46  
after January 1, 2018, shall attend a chief of police training 47

course conducted by the Ohio peace officer training commission 48  
pursuant to division (A) of this section not later than six 49  
months after the person's appointment as a chief of police. 50  
While attending the chief of police training course, a newly 51  
appointed chief of police shall receive compensation in the same 52  
manner and amounts as if carrying out the powers and duties of 53  
the office of chief of police. The costs of conducting the chief 54  
of police training course shall be paid from state funds 55  
appropriated to the attorney general. The cost of meals, 56  
lodging, and travel of a newly appointed chief of police 57  
attending the chief of police training course shall be paid from 58  
the budget of the entity for which the newly appointed chief of 59  
police was appointed. 60

(E) As used in this section: 61

"Newly appointed chief of police" means a person appointed 62  
chief of police under section 505.49, 737.05, or 737.15 of the 63  
Revised Code or any administrative official that is responsible 64  
for the daily administration and supervision of peace officers 65  
in a law enforcement agency who ~~did not hold the office has~~ 66  
never held the full time position of chief of police on the date 67  
before the person was appointed chief of police. 68

"Law enforcement agency" means a municipal or township 69  
police department, or any other entity authorized by statute to 70  
appoint peace officers to enforce criminal laws and who have the 71  
statutory power of arrest. "Law enforcement agency" does not 72  
include a county sheriff's office, the state highway patrol, or 73  
the bureau of criminal identification and investigation. 74

**Section 2.** That existing section 109.804 of the Revised 75  
Code is hereby repealed. 76

**Section 3.** That the version of section 109.804 of the Revised Code that is scheduled to take effect December 29, 2023, be amended to read as follows:

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(2) The executive director of the commission shall issue a certificate of completion of a training program required under this section in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code to a newly appointed chief of police if either of the following applies:

(a) The person holds a certificate of completion of such a program in another state.

(b) The person has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in that chapter as a chief of police in a state that does not require completion of such a training program.

(B) A newly appointed chief of police may request an equivalency exemption from ~~a portion~~eight hours of the forty hours of the chief of police training course, on topics approved

by the executive director, by submitting to the Ohio peace 106  
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<b>Section 5.</b> Sections 3 and 4 of this act take effect	153
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