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To amend sections 109.71, 109.77, 121.483, and  
2935.01 of the Revised Code to add the Inspector  
General and a deputy Inspector General to the  
definition of "peace officer" while either  
official is engaged in the scope of the  
official's duties.

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

**Section 1.** That sections 109.71, 109.77, 121.483, and  
2935.01 of the Revised Code be amended to read as follows:

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**Sec. 109.71.** There is hereby created in the office of the  
attorney general the Ohio peace officer training commission. The  
commission shall consist of ten members appointed by the  
governor with the advice and consent of the senate and selected  
as follows: one member representing the public; one member who  
represents a fraternal organization representing law enforcement  
officers; two members who are incumbent sheriffs; two members  
who are incumbent chiefs of police; one member from the bureau  
of criminal identification and investigation; one member from  
the state highway patrol; one member who is the special agent in  
charge of a field office of the federal bureau of investigation  
in this state; and one member from the department of education  
and workforce, trade and industrial education services, law

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enforcement training.	22
This section does not confer any arrest authority or any ability or authority to detain a person, write or issue any citation, or provide any disposition alternative, as granted under Chapter 2935. of the Revised Code.	23 24 25 26
The commission is exempt from the requirements of sections 101.82 to 101.87 of the Revised Code.	27 28
As used in sections 109.71 to 109.801 of the Revised Code:	29
(A) "Peace officer" means:	30
(1) A deputy sheriff, marshal, deputy marshal, member of the organized police department of a township or municipal corporation, member of a township police district or joint police district police force, member of a police force employed by a metropolitan housing authority under division (D) of section 3735.31 of the Revised Code, or township constable, who is commissioned and employed as a peace officer by a political subdivision of this state or by a metropolitan housing authority, and whose primary duties are to preserve the peace, to protect life and property, and to enforce the laws of this state, ordinances of a municipal corporation, resolutions of a township, or regulations of a board of county commissioners or board of township trustees, or any of those laws, ordinances, resolutions, or regulations;	31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44
(2) A police officer who is employed by a railroad company and appointed and commissioned by the secretary of state pursuant to sections 4973.17 to 4973.22 of the Revised Code;	45 46 47
(3) Employees of the department of taxation engaged in the enforcement of Chapter 5743. of the Revised Code and designated by the tax commissioner for peace officer training for purposes	48 49 50

of the delegation of investigation powers under section 5743.45	51
of the Revised Code;	52
(4) An undercover drug agent;	53
(5) Enforcement agents of the department of public safety whom the director of public safety designates under section 5502.14 of the Revised Code;	54
(6) An employee of the department of natural resources who is a natural resources law enforcement staff officer designated pursuant to section 1501.013, a natural resources officer appointed pursuant to section 1501.24, a forest-fire investigator appointed pursuant to section 1503.09, or a wildlife officer designated pursuant to section 1531.13 of the Revised Code;	57
(7) An employee of a park district who is designated pursuant to section 511.232 or 1545.13 of the Revised Code;	58
(8) An employee of a conservancy district who is designated pursuant to section 6101.75 of the Revised Code;	59
(9) A police officer who is employed by a hospital that employs and maintains its own proprietary police department or security department, and who is appointed and commissioned by the secretary of state pursuant to sections 4973.17 to 4973.22 of the Revised Code;	60
(10) Veterans' homes police officers designated under section 5907.02 of the Revised Code;	61
(11) A police officer who is employed by a qualified nonprofit corporation police department pursuant to section 1702.80 of the Revised Code;	62
(12) A state university law enforcement officer appointed	63
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under section 3345.04 of the Revised Code or a person serving as  
a state university law enforcement officer on a permanent basis  
on June 19, 1978, who 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  
state, county, municipal, or department of natural resources  
peace officer basic training program;

(13) A special police officer employed by the department  
of ~~mental health and addiction services~~ behavioral health  
pursuant to section 5119.08 of the Revised Code or the  
department of developmental disabilities pursuant to section  
5123.13 of the Revised Code;

(14) A member of a campus police department appointed  
under section 1713.50 of the Revised Code;

(15) A member of a police force employed by a regional  
transit authority under division (Y) of section 306.35 of the  
Revised Code;

(16) Investigators appointed by the auditor of state  
pursuant to section 117.091 of the Revised Code and engaged in  
the enforcement of Chapter 117. of the Revised Code;

(17) A special police officer designated by the  
superintendent of the state highway patrol pursuant to section  
5503.09 of the Revised Code or a person who was serving as a  
special police officer pursuant to that section on a permanent  
basis on October 21, 1997, and who 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 state, county, municipal, or  
department of natural resources peace officer basic training

program;	108
(18) A special police officer employed by a port authority under section 4582.04 or 4582.28 of the Revised Code or a person serving as a special police officer employed by a port authority on a permanent basis on May 17, 2000, who 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 state, county, municipal, or department of natural resources peace officer basic training program;	109 110 111 112 113 114 115 116 117
(19) A special police officer employed by a municipal corporation who has been awarded a certificate by the executive director of the Ohio peace officer training commission for satisfactory completion of an approved peace officer basic training program and who is employed on a permanent basis on or after March 19, 2003, at a municipal airport, or other municipal air navigation facility, that has scheduled operations, as defined in section 119.3 of Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations, 14 C.F.R. 119.3, as amended, and that is required to be under a security program and is governed by aviation security rules of the transportation security administration of the United States department of transportation as provided in Parts 1542. and 1544. of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, as amended;	118 119 120 121 122 123 124 125 126 127 128 129 130 131
(20) A police officer who is employed by an owner or operator of an amusement park that has an average yearly attendance in excess of six hundred thousand guests and that employs and maintains its own proprietary police department or security department, and who is appointed and commissioned by a judge of the appropriate municipal court or county court	132 133 134 135 136 137

pursuant to section 4973.17 of the Revised Code;	138
(21) A police officer who is employed by a bank, savings and loan association, savings bank, credit union, or association of banks, savings and loan associations, savings banks, or credit unions, who has been appointed and commissioned by the secretary of state pursuant to sections 4973.17 to 4973.22 of the Revised Code, and who has been awarded a certificate by the executive director of the Ohio peace officer training commission attesting to the person's satisfactory completion of a state, county, municipal, or department of natural resources peace officer basic training program;	139 140 141 142 143 144 145 146 147 148
(22) An investigator, as defined in section 109.541 of the Revised Code, of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation who is commissioned by the superintendent of the bureau as a special agent for the purpose of assisting law enforcement officers or providing emergency assistance to peace officers pursuant to authority granted under that section;	149 150 151 152 153 154
(23) A state fire marshal law enforcement officer appointed under section 3737.22 of the Revised Code or a person serving as a state fire marshal law enforcement officer on a permanent basis on or after July 1, 1982, who 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 state, county, municipal, or department of natural resources peace officer basic training program;	155 156 157 158 159 160 161 162 163
(24) A gaming agent employed under section 3772.03 of the Revised Code;	164 165
(25) An employee of the state board of pharmacy designated	166

by the executive director of the board pursuant to section 167  
4729.04 of the Revised Code to investigate violations of 168  
Chapters 2925., 3715., 3719., 3796., 4729., and 4752. of the 169  
Revised Code and rules adopted thereunder; 170

(26) The inspector general or a deputy inspector general 171  
appointed pursuant to section 121.48 of the Revised Code who has 172  
been awarded a certificate by the executive director of the Ohio 173  
peace officer training commission attesting to the person's 174  
satisfactory completion of an approved state, county, municipal, 175  
or department of natural resources peace officer basic training 176  
program, while the inspector general or deputy inspector general 177  
is engaged in the scope of the inspector general's or deputy 178  
inspector general's duties under sections 121.42 to 121.52 of 179  
the Revised Code. 180

(B) "Undercover drug agent" has the same meaning as in 181  
division (B) (2) of section 109.79 of the Revised Code. 182

(C) "Crisis intervention training" means training in the 183  
use of interpersonal and communication skills to most 184  
effectively and sensitively interview victims of rape. 185

(D) "Missing children" has the same meaning as in section 186  
2901.30 of the Revised Code. 187

(E) "Tactical medical professional" means an EMT, EMT- 188  
basic, AEMT, EMT-I, paramedic, nurse, or physician who is 189  
trained and certified in a nationally recognized tactical 190  
medical training program that is equivalent to "tactical combat" 191  
casualty care" (TCCC) and "tactical emergency medical support" 192  
(TEMS) and who functions in the tactical or austere environment 193  
while attached to a law enforcement agency of either this state 194  
or a political subdivision of this state. 195

(F) "EMT-basic," "EMT-I," and "paramedic" have the same meanings as in section 4765.01 of the Revised Code and "EMT" and "AEMT" have the same meanings as in section 4765.011 of the Revised Code.	196 197 198 199
(G) "Nurse" means any of the following:	200
(1) Any person who is licensed to practice nursing as a registered nurse by the board of nursing;	201 202
(2) Any certified nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist, certified registered nurse anesthetist, or certified nurse-midwife who holds a certificate of authority issued by the board of nursing under Chapter 4723. of the Revised Code;	203 204 205 206
(3) Any person who is licensed to practice nursing as a licensed practical nurse by the board of nursing pursuant to Chapter 4723. of the Revised Code.	207 208 209
(H) "Physician" means a person who is licensed pursuant to Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery.	210 211 212
(I) "County correctional officer" has the same meaning as in section 341.41 of the Revised Code.	213 214
(J) (1) "Fire investigator" means an employee of a fire department charged with investigating fires and explosions who has been authorized, in accordance with sections 737.27 and 3737.24 of the Revised Code, to perform the duties of investigating the origin and cause of fires and explosions using the scientific method to investigate elements of the event including the circumstances, actions, persons, means, and motives that resulted in the fire or explosion or the report of a fire or explosion within this state.	215 216 217 218 219 220 221 222 223

(2) "Fire investigator" does not include a person who is	224
acting as a fire investigator on behalf of an insurance company	225
or any other privately owned or operated enterprise.	226
(K) "Fire department" means a fire department of the state	227
or an instrumentality of the state or of a municipal	228
corporation, township, joint fire district, or other political	229
subdivision.	230
(L) "At-risk youth" means an individual who is all of the	231
following:	232
(1) Under twenty-one years of age;	233
(2) One of the following:	234
(a) At risk of becoming an abused, neglected, or dependent	235
child, delinquent or unruly child, or juvenile traffic offender;	236
(b) An abused, neglected, or dependent child, delinquent	237
or unruly child, or juvenile traffic offender.	238
(3) Residing in a state correctional institution, a	239
department of youth services institution, or a residential	240
facility.	241
(M) "Residential facility" has the same meaning as in	242
section 2151.46 of the Revised Code.	243
<b>Sec. 109.77.</b> (A) As used in this section:	244
(1) "Felony" has the same meaning as in section 109.511 of	245
the Revised Code.	246
(2) "Companion animal" has the same meaning as in section	247
959.131 of the Revised Code.	248
(B) (1) Notwithstanding any general, special, or local law	249
or charter to the contrary, and except as otherwise provided in	250

this section, no person shall receive an original appointment on	251
a permanent basis as any of the following unless the person	252
previously has been awarded a certificate by the executive	253
director of the Ohio peace officer training commission attesting	254
to the person's satisfactory completion of an approved state,	255
county, municipal, or department of natural resources peace	256
officer basic training program:	257
(a) A peace officer of any county, township, municipal	258
corporation, regional transit authority, or metropolitan housing	259
authority;	260
(b) A natural resources law enforcement staff officer,	261
forest-fire investigator, wildlife officer, or natural resources	262
officer of the department of natural resources;	263
(c) An employee of a park district under section 511.232	264
or 1545.13 of the Revised Code;	265
(d) An employee of a conservancy district who is	266
designated pursuant to section 6101.75 of the Revised Code;	267
(e) A state university law enforcement officer;	268
(f) A special police officer employed by the department of	269
<del>mental health and addiction services</del> <u>behavioral health</u> pursuant	270
to section 5119.08 of the Revised Code or the department of	271
developmental disabilities pursuant to section 5123.13 of the	272
Revised Code;	273
(g) An enforcement agent of the department of public	274
safety whom the director of public safety designates under	275
section 5502.14 of the Revised Code;	276
(h) A special police officer employed by a port authority	277
under section 4582.04 or 4582.28 of the Revised Code;	278

(i) A special police officer employed by a municipal corporation at a municipal airport, or other municipal air navigation facility, that has scheduled operations, as defined in section 119.3 of Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations, 14 C.F.R. 119.3, as amended, and that is required to be under a security program and is governed by aviation security rules of the transportation security administration of the United States department of transportation as provided in Parts 1542. and 1544. of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, as amended;	279 280 281 282 283 284 285 286 287 288
(j) A gaming agent employed under section 3772.03 of the Revised Code;	289 290
<u>(k) The inspector general or a deputy inspector general appointed pursuant to section 121.48 of the Revised Code.</u>	291 292
(2) Every person who is appointed on a temporary basis or for a probationary term or on other than a permanent basis as any of the following shall forfeit the appointed position unless the person previously has completed satisfactorily or, within the time prescribed by rules adopted by the attorney general pursuant to section 109.74 of the Revised Code, satisfactorily completes a state, county, municipal, or department of natural resources peace officer basic training program for temporary or probationary officers and is awarded a certificate by the director attesting to the satisfactory completion of the program:	293 294 295 296 297 298 299 300 301 302 303
(a) A peace officer of any county, township, municipal corporation, regional transit authority, or metropolitan housing authority;	304 305 306
(b) A natural resources law enforcement staff officer,	307

park officer, forest officer, preserve officer, wildlife officer, or state watercraft officer of the department of natural resources;	308 309 310
(c) An employee of a park district under section 511.232 or 1545.13 of the Revised Code;	311 312
(d) An employee of a conservancy district who is designated pursuant to section 6101.75 of the Revised Code;	313 314
(e) A special police officer employed by the department of <del>mental health and addiction services</del> <u>behavioral health</u> pursuant to section 5119.08 of the Revised Code or the department of developmental disabilities pursuant to section 5123.13 of the Revised Code;	315 316 317 318 319
(f) An enforcement agent of the department of public safety whom the director of public safety designates under section 5502.14 of the Revised Code;	320 321 322
(g) A special police officer employed by a port authority under section 4582.04 or 4582.28 of the Revised Code;	323 324
(h) A special police officer employed by a municipal corporation at a municipal airport, or other municipal air navigation facility, that has scheduled operations, as defined in section 119.3 of Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations, 14 C.F.R. 119.3, as amended, and that is required to be under a security program and is governed by aviation security rules of the transportation security administration of the United States department of transportation as provided in Parts 1542. and 1544. of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, as amended.	325 326 327 328 329 330 331 332 333 334
(3) For purposes of division (B) of this section, a state, county, municipal, or department of natural resources peace	335 336

officer basic training program, regardless of whether the 337  
program is to be completed by peace officers appointed on a 338  
permanent or temporary, probationary, or other nonpermanent 339  
basis, shall include training in the handling of the offense of 340  
domestic violence, other types of domestic violence-related 341  
offenses and incidents, protection orders and consent agreements 342  
issued or approved under section 2919.26 or 3113.31 of the 343  
Revised Code, crisis intervention training, and training on 344  
companion animal encounters and companion animal behavior. The 345  
requirement to complete training in the handling of the offense 346  
of domestic violence, other types of domestic violence-related 347  
offenses and incidents, and protection orders and consent 348  
agreements issued or approved under section 2919.26 or 3113.31 349  
of the Revised Code does not apply to any person serving as a 350  
peace officer on March 27, 1979, and the requirement to complete 351  
training in crisis intervention does not apply to any person 352  
serving as a peace officer on April 4, 1985. Any person who is 353  
serving as a peace officer on April 4, 1985, who terminates that 354  
employment after that date, and who subsequently is hired as a 355  
peace officer by the same or another law enforcement agency 356  
shall complete training in crisis intervention as prescribed by 357  
rules adopted by the attorney general pursuant to section 358  
109.742 of the Revised Code. No peace officer shall have 359  
employment as a peace officer terminated and then be reinstated 360  
with intent to circumvent this section. 361

(4) Division (B) of this section does not apply to any 362  
person serving on a permanent basis on March 28, 1985, as a park 363  
officer, forest officer, preserve officer, wildlife officer, or 364  
state watercraft officer of the department of natural resources 365  
or as an employee of a park district under section 511.232 or 366  
1545.13 of the Revised Code, to any person serving on a 367

permanent basis on March 6, 1986, as an employee of a conservancy district designated pursuant to section 6101.75 of the Revised Code, to any person serving on a permanent basis on January 10, 1991, as a preserve officer of the department of natural resources, to any person employed on a permanent basis on July 2, 1992, as a special police officer by the department of <del>mental health and addiction services</del> <u>behavioral health</u> pursuant to section 5119.08 of the Revised Code or by the department of developmental disabilities pursuant to section 5123.13 of the Revised Code, to any person serving on a permanent basis on May 17, 2000, as a special police officer employed by a port authority under section 4582.04 or 4582.28 of the Revised Code, to any person serving on a permanent basis on March 19, 2003, as a special police officer employed by a municipal corporation at a municipal airport or other municipal air navigation facility described in division (A)(19) of section 109.71 of the Revised Code, to any person serving on a permanent basis on June 19, 1978, as a state university law enforcement officer pursuant to section 3345.04 of the Revised Code and who, immediately prior to June 19, 1978, was serving as a special police officer designated under authority of that section, or to any person 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.	368 369 370 371 372 373 374 375 376 377 378 379 380 381 382 383 384 385 386 387 388 389 390 391 392 393
(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,	394 395 396 397 398

or department of natural resources peace officer basic training 399  
program and has been awarded a certificate by the executive 400  
director of the Ohio peace officer training commission attesting 401  
to the person's satisfactory completion of such an approved 402  
program and if, on July 1, 1996, the person is performing peace 403  
officer functions for a regional transit authority. 404

(C) No person, after September 20, 1984, shall receive an 405  
original appointment on a permanent basis as a veterans' home 406  
police officer designated under section 5907.02 of the Revised 407  
Code unless the person previously has been awarded a certificate 408  
by the executive director of the Ohio peace officer training 409  
commission attesting to the person's satisfactory completion of 410  
an approved police officer basic training program. Every person 411  
who is appointed on a temporary basis or for a probationary term 412  
or on other than a permanent basis as a veterans' home police 413  
officer designated under section 5907.02 of the Revised Code 414  
shall forfeit that position unless the person previously has 415  
completed satisfactorily or, within one year from the time of 416  
appointment, satisfactorily completes an approved police officer 417  
basic training program. 418

(D) No bailiff or deputy bailiff of a court of record of 419  
this state and no criminal investigator who is employed by the 420  
state public defender shall carry a firearm, as defined in 421  
section 2923.11 of the Revised Code, while on duty unless the 422  
bailiff, deputy bailiff, or criminal investigator has done or 423  
received one of the following: 424

(1) Has been awarded a certificate by the executive 425  
director of the Ohio peace officer training commission, which 426  
certificate attests to satisfactory completion of an approved 427  
state, county, or municipal basic training program for bailiffs 428

and deputy bailiffs of courts of record and for criminal 429  
investigators employed by the state public defender that has 430  
been recommended by the Ohio peace officer training commission; 431

(2) Has successfully completed a firearms training program 432  
approved by the Ohio peace officer training commission prior to 433  
employment as a bailiff, deputy bailiff, or criminal 434  
investigator; 435

(3) Prior to June 6, 1986, was authorized to carry a 436  
firearm by the court that employed the bailiff or deputy bailiff 437  
or, in the case of a criminal investigator, by the state public 438  
defender and has received training in the use of firearms that 439  
the Ohio peace officer training commission determines is 440  
equivalent to the training that otherwise is required by 441  
division (D) of this section. 442

(E) (1) Before a person seeking a certificate completes an 443  
approved peace officer basic training program, the executive 444  
director of the Ohio peace officer training commission shall 445  
request the person to disclose, and the person shall disclose, 446  
any previous criminal conviction of or plea of guilty of that 447  
person to a felony. 448

(2) Before a person seeking a certificate completes an 449  
approved peace officer basic training program, the executive 450  
director shall request a criminal history records check on the 451  
person. The executive director shall submit the person's 452  
fingerprints to the bureau of criminal identification and 453  
investigation, which shall submit the fingerprints to the 454  
federal bureau of investigation for a national criminal history 455  
records check. 456

Upon receipt of the executive director's request, the 457

bureau of criminal identification and investigation and the 458  
federal bureau of investigation shall conduct a criminal history 459  
records check on the person and, upon completion of the check, 460  
shall provide a copy of the criminal history records check to 461  
the executive director. The executive director shall not award 462  
any certificate prescribed in this section unless the executive 463  
director has received a copy of the criminal history records 464  
check on the person to whom the certificate is to be awarded. 465

(3) The executive director of the commission shall not 466  
award a certificate prescribed in this section to a person who 467  
has been convicted of or has pleaded guilty to a felony or who 468  
fails to disclose any previous criminal conviction of or plea of 469  
guilty to a felony as required under division (E)(1) of this 470  
section. 471

(4) The executive director of the commission shall revoke 472  
the certificate awarded to a person as prescribed in this 473  
section, and that person shall forfeit all of the benefits 474  
derived from being certified as a peace officer under this 475  
section, if the person, before completion of an approved peace 476  
officer basic training program, failed to disclose any previous 477  
criminal conviction of or plea of guilty to a felony as required 478  
under division (E)(1) of this section. 479

(F)(1) Regardless of whether the person has been awarded 480  
the certificate or has been classified as a peace officer prior 481  
to, on, or after October 16, 1996, the executive director of the 482  
Ohio peace officer training commission shall revoke any 483  
certificate that has been awarded to a person as prescribed in 484  
this section if the person does either of the following: 485

(a) Pleads guilty to a felony committed on or after 486  
January 1, 1997; 487

(b) Pleads guilty to a misdemeanor committed on or after January 1, 1997, pursuant to a negotiated plea agreement as provided in division (D) of section 2929.43 of the Revised Code in which the person agrees to surrender the certificate awarded to the person under this section.	488 489 490 491 492
(2) The executive director of the commission shall suspend any certificate that has been awarded to a person as prescribed in this section if the person is convicted, after trial, of a felony committed on or after January 1, 1997. The executive director shall suspend the certificate pursuant to division (F) (2) of this section pending the outcome of an appeal by the person from that conviction to the highest court to which the appeal is taken or until the expiration of the period in which an appeal is required to be filed. If the person files an appeal that results in that person's acquittal of the felony or conviction of a misdemeanor, or in the dismissal of the felony charge against that person, the executive director shall reinstate the certificate awarded to the person under this section. If the person files an appeal from that person's conviction of the felony and the conviction is upheld by the highest court to which the appeal is taken or if the person does not file a timely appeal, the executive director shall revoke the certificate awarded to the person under this section.	493 494 495 496 497 498 499 500 501 502 503 504 505 506 507 508 509 510
(G) (1) If a person is awarded a certificate under this section and the certificate is revoked pursuant to division (E) (4) or (F) of this section, the person shall not be eligible to receive, at any time, a certificate attesting to the person's satisfactory completion of a peace officer basic training program.	511 512 513 514 515 516
(2) The revocation or suspension of a certificate under	517

division (E) (4) or (F) of this section shall be in accordance 518  
with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. 519

(H) (1) A person who was employed as a peace officer of a 520  
county, township, or municipal corporation of the state on 521  
January 1, 1966, and who has completed at least sixteen years of 522  
full-time active service as such a peace officer, or equivalent 523  
service as determined by the executive director of the Ohio 524  
peace officer training commission, may receive an original 525  
appointment on a permanent basis and serve as a peace officer of 526  
a county, township, or municipal corporation, or as a state 527  
university law enforcement officer, without complying with the 528  
requirements of division (B) of this section. 529

(2) Any person who held an appointment as a state highway 530  
trooper on January 1, 1966, may receive an original appointment 531  
on a permanent basis and serve as a peace officer of a county, 532  
township, or municipal corporation, or as a state university law 533  
enforcement officer, without complying with the requirements of 534  
division (B) of this section. 535

(I) No person who is appointed as a peace officer of a 536  
county, township, or municipal corporation on or after April 9, 537  
1985, shall serve as a peace officer of that county, township, 538  
or municipal corporation unless the person has received training 539  
in the handling of missing children and child abuse and neglect 540  
cases from an approved state, county, township, or municipal 541  
police officer basic training program or receives the training 542  
within the time prescribed by rules adopted by the attorney 543  
general pursuant to section 109.741 of the Revised Code. 544

(J) No part of any approved state, county, or municipal 545  
basic training program for bailiffs and deputy bailiffs of 546  
courts of record and no part of any approved state, county, or 547

municipal basic training program for criminal investigators 548  
employed by the state public defender shall be used as credit 549  
toward the completion by a peace officer of any part of the 550  
approved state, county, or municipal peace officer basic 551  
training program that the peace officer is required by this 552  
section to complete satisfactorily. 553

(K) This section does not apply to any member of the 554  
police department of a municipal corporation in an adjoining 555  
state serving in this state under a contract pursuant to section 556  
737.04 of the Revised Code. 557

(L) The executive director of the commission shall issue a 558  
certificate of completion of a training program required under 559  
this section in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised 560  
Code to an individual if either of the following applies: 561

(1) The individual holds a certificate of completion of 562  
such a program in another state. 563

(2) The individual has satisfactory work experience, a 564  
government certification, or a private certification as 565  
described in that chapter in the same profession, occupation, or 566  
occupational activity as the profession, occupation, or 567  
occupational activity for which the certificate is required in 568  
this state in a state that does not require completion of such a 569  
training program. 570

(M) (1) Except as provided in division (M) (2) of this 571  
section, no certificate awarded by the executive director of the 572  
Ohio peace officer training commission attesting to a person's 573  
satisfactory completion of an approved state, county, municipal, 574  
or department of natural resources peace officer basic training 575  
program shall be deemed insufficient for an appointment to a 576

position listed in division (B)(1) of this section because of a 577  
lapse in the person's service as a peace officer. 578

(2) The Ohio peace officer training commission shall 579  
require a re-appointed peace officer to complete refresher 580  
training of the following duration prior to performing the 581  
functions of a peace officer, if the peace officer, having 582  
previously been awarded a certificate by the executive director 583  
of the commission attesting to the person's satisfactory 584  
completion of an approved state, county, municipal, or 585  
department of natural resources peace officer basic training 586  
program or pursuant to Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code, for at 587  
least one year prior to an appointment, was not employed as a 588  
peace officer: 589

(a) If the period of lapse was at least one year, but less 590  
than four years, up to forty hours; 591

(b) If the period of lapse was four years or longer, 592  
eighty hours. 593

**Sec. 121.483. A**The inspector general or a deputy 594  
inspector general appointed under section 121.48 of the Revised 595  
Code, who has been awarded a certificate by the executive 596  
director of the Ohio peace officer training commission attesting 597  
to the person's satisfactory completion of an approved state, 598  
county, ~~or municipal, or department of natural resources~~ peace 599  
officer basic training program, ~~shall, during the term of the~~ 600  
~~deputy inspector general's appointment, be considered a peace~~ 601  
~~officer for the purpose of maintaining a current and valid basic~~ 602  
~~training certificate pursuant to rules adopted under section~~ 603  
~~109.74 of the Revised Code under section 109.77 of the Revised~~ 604  
~~Code has the same arrest authority as a peace officer. The~~ 605  
inspector general or a deputy inspector general may exercise 606

this arrest authority only while the inspector general or a 607  
deputy inspector general is engaged in the scope of the 608  
inspector general's or deputy inspector general's duties under 609  
sections 121.42 to 121.52 of the Revised Code. 610

**Sec. 2935.01.** As used in this chapter: 611

(A) "Magistrate" has the same meaning as in section 612  
2931.01 of the Revised Code. 613

(B) "Peace officer" includes, except as provided in 614  
section 2935.081 of the Revised Code, a sheriff; deputy sheriff; 615  
marshal; deputy marshal; member of the organized police 616  
department of any municipal corporation, including a member of 617  
the organized police department of a municipal corporation in an 618  
adjoining state serving in Ohio under a contract pursuant to 619  
section 737.04 of the Revised Code; member of a police force 620  
employed by a metropolitan housing authority under division (D) 621  
of section 3735.31 of the Revised Code; member of a police force 622  
employed by a regional transit authority under division (Y) of 623  
section 306.35 of the Revised Code; state university law 624  
enforcement officer appointed under section 3345.04 of the 625  
Revised Code; enforcement agent of the department of public 626  
safety designated under section 5502.14 of the Revised Code; 627  
employee of the department of taxation to whom investigation 628  
powers have been delegated under section 5743.45 of the Revised 629  
Code; employee of the department of natural resources who is a 630  
natural resources law enforcement staff officer designated 631  
pursuant to section 1501.013 of the Revised Code, a forest-fire 632  
investigator appointed pursuant to section 1503.09 of the 633  
Revised Code, a natural resources officer appointed pursuant to 634  
section 1501.24 of the Revised Code, or a wildlife officer 635  
designated pursuant to section 1531.13 of the Revised Code; 636

individual designated to perform law enforcement duties under	637
section 511.232, 1545.13, or 6101.75 of the Revised Code;	638
veterans' home police officer appointed under section 5907.02 of	639
the Revised Code; special police officer employed by a port	640
authority under section 4582.04 or 4582.28 of the Revised Code;	641
police constable of any township; police officer of a township	642
or joint police district; a special police officer employed by a	643
municipal corporation at a municipal airport, or other municipal	644
air navigation facility, that has scheduled operations, as	645
defined in section 119.3 of Title 14 of the Code of Federal	646
Regulations, 14 C.F.R. 119.3, as amended, and that is required	647
to be under a security program and is governed by aviation	648
security rules of the transportation security administration of	649
the United States department of transportation as provided in	650
Parts 1542. and 1544. of Title 49 of the Code of Federal	651
Regulations, as amended; the house of representatives sergeant	652
at arms if the house of representatives sergeant at arms has	653
arrest authority pursuant to division (E)(1) of section 101.311	654
of the Revised Code; an assistant house of representatives	655
sergeant at arms; the senate sergeant at arms; an assistant	656
senate sergeant at arms; officer or employee of the bureau of	657
criminal identification and investigation established pursuant	658
to section 109.51 of the Revised Code who has been awarded a	659
certificate by the executive director of the Ohio peace officer	660
training commission attesting to the officer's or employee's	661
satisfactory completion of an approved state, county, municipal,	662
or department of natural resources peace officer basic training	663
program and who is providing assistance upon request to a law	664
enforcement officer or emergency assistance to a peace officer	665
pursuant to section 109.54 or 109.541 of the Revised Code; a	666
state fire marshal law enforcement officer described in division	667
(A)(23) of section 109.71 of the Revised Code; a gaming agent,	668

as defined in section 3772.01 of the Revised Code; <u>the inspector</u>	669
<u>general or a deputy inspector general appointed pursuant to</u>	670
<u>section 121.48 of the Revised Code while the inspector general</u>	671
<u>or a deputy inspector general is engaged in the scope of the</u>	672
<u>inspector general's or deputy inspector general's duties under</u>	673
<u>sections 121.42 to 121.52 of the Revised Code; and, for the</u>	674
purpose of arrests within those areas, for the purposes of	675
Chapter 5503. of the Revised Code, and the filing of and service	676
of process relating to those offenses witnessed or investigated	677
by them, the superintendent and troopers of the state highway	678
patrol.	679
(C) "Prosecutor" includes the county prosecuting attorney	680
and any assistant prosecutor designated to assist the county	681
prosecuting attorney, and, in the case of courts inferior to	682
courts of common pleas, includes the village solicitor, city	683
director of law, or similar chief legal officer of a municipal	684
corporation, any such officer's assistants, or any attorney	685
designated by the prosecuting attorney of the county to appear	686
for the prosecution of a given case.	687
(D) "Offense," except where the context specifically	688
indicates otherwise, includes felonies, misdemeanors, and	689
violations of ordinances of municipal corporations and other	690
public bodies authorized by law to adopt penal regulations.	691
(E) "Tier one offense" means a violation of section	692
2903.01, 2903.02, 2903.03, 2903.04, 2903.06, 2903.11, 2903.12,	693
2903.21, 2903.211, 2905.01, 2905.02, 2905.32, 2907.02, 2907.03,	694
2907.04, 2907.05, 2907.321, 2907.322, 2907.323, 2909.02,	695
2909.03, 2909.24, 2911.01, 2911.02, 2911.11, 2919.25, 2921.34,	696
2923.161, 2950.04, 2950.041, 2950.05, or 2950.06 of the Revised	697
Code.	698

**Section 2.** That existing sections 109.71, 109.77, 121.483,  
and 2935.01 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 699  
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