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To amend sections 109.71, 109.77, 121.483, and	1
2935.01 of the Revised Code to add the Inspector	2
General and a deputy Inspector General to the	3
definition of "peace officer" while either	4
official is engaged in the scope of the	5
official's duties.	6

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

Section 1. That sections 109.71, 109.77, 121.483, and	7
2935.01 of the Revised Code be amended to read as follows:	8

Sec. 109.71. There is hereby created in the office of the	9
attorney general the Ohio peace officer training commission. The	10
commission shall consist of ten members appointed by the	11
governor with the advice and consent of the senate and selected	12
as follows: one member representing the public; one member who	13
represents a fraternal organization representing law enforcement	14
officers; two members who are incumbent sheriffs; two members	15
who are incumbent chiefs of police; one member from the bureau	16
of criminal identification and investigation; one member from	17
the state highway patrol; one member who is the special agent in	18
charge of a field office of the federal bureau of investigation	19
in this state; and one member from the department of education	20
and workforce, trade and industrial education services, law	21

enforcement training. 22

This section does not confer any arrest authority or any 23
ability or authority to detain a person, write or issue any 24
citation, or provide any disposition alternative, as granted 25
under Chapter 2935. of the Revised Code. 26

The commission is exempt from the requirements of sections 27
101.82 to 101.87 of the Revised Code. 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 31
the organized police department of a township or municipal 32
corporation, member of a township police district or joint 33
police district police force, member of a police force employed 34
by a metropolitan housing authority under division (D) of 35
section 3735.31 of the Revised Code, or township constable, who 36
is commissioned and employed as a peace officer by a political 37
subdivision of this state or by a metropolitan housing 38
authority, and whose primary duties are to preserve the peace, 39
to protect life and property, and to enforce the laws of this 40
state, ordinances of a municipal corporation, resolutions of a 41
township, or regulations of a board of county commissioners or 42
board of township trustees, or any of those laws, ordinances, 43
resolutions, or regulations; 44

(2) A police officer who is employed by a railroad company 45
and appointed and commissioned by the secretary of state 46
pursuant to sections 4973.17 to 4973.22 of the Revised Code; 47

(3) Employees of the department of taxation engaged in the 48
enforcement of Chapter 5743. of the Revised Code and designated 49
by the tax commissioner for peace officer training for purposes 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 54
whom the director of public safety designates under section 55
5502.14 of the Revised Code; 56

(6) An employee of the department of natural resources who 57
is a natural resources law enforcement staff officer designated 58
pursuant to section 1501.013, a natural resources officer 59
appointed pursuant to section 1501.24, a forest-fire 60
investigator appointed pursuant to section 1503.09, or a 61
wildlife officer designated pursuant to section 1531.13 of the 62
Revised Code; 63

(7) An employee of a park district who is designated 64
pursuant to section 511.232 or 1545.13 of the Revised Code; 65

(8) An employee of a conservancy district who is 66
designated pursuant to section 6101.75 of the Revised Code; 67

(9) A police officer who is employed by a hospital that 68
employs and maintains its own proprietary police department or 69
security department, and who is appointed and commissioned by 70
the secretary of state pursuant to sections 4973.17 to 4973.22 71
of the Revised Code; 72

(10) Veterans' homes police officers designated under 73
section 5907.02 of the Revised Code; 74

(11) A police officer who is employed by a qualified 75
nonprofit corporation police department pursuant to section 76
1702.80 of the Revised Code; 77

(12) A state university law enforcement officer appointed 78

under section 3345.04 of the Revised Code or a person serving as 79
a state university law enforcement officer on a permanent basis 80
on June 19, 1978, who has been awarded a certificate by the 81
executive director of the Ohio peace officer training commission 82
attesting to the person's satisfactory completion of an approved 83
state, county, municipal, or department of natural resources 84
peace officer basic training program; 85

(13) A special police officer employed by the department 86
of ~~mental health and addiction services~~ behavioral health 87
pursuant to section 5119.08 of the Revised Code or the 88
department of developmental disabilities pursuant to section 89
5123.13 of the Revised Code; 90

(14) A member of a campus police department appointed 91
under section 1713.50 of the Revised Code; 92

(15) A member of a police force employed by a regional 93
transit authority under division (Y) of section 306.35 of the 94
Revised Code; 95

(16) Investigators appointed by the auditor of state 96
pursuant to section 117.091 of the Revised Code and engaged in 97
the enforcement of Chapter 117. of the Revised Code; 98

(17) A special police officer designated by the 99
superintendent of the state highway patrol pursuant to section 100
5503.09 of the Revised Code or a person who was serving as a 101
special police officer pursuant to that section on a permanent 102
basis on October 21, 1997, and who has been awarded a 103
certificate by the executive director of the Ohio peace officer 104
training commission attesting to the person's satisfactory 105
completion of an approved state, county, municipal, or 106
department of natural resources peace officer basic training 107

program; 108

(18) A special police officer employed by a port authority 109
under section 4582.04 or 4582.28 of the Revised Code or a person 110
serving as a special police officer employed by a port authority 111
on a permanent basis on May 17, 2000, who has been awarded a 112
certificate by the executive director of the Ohio peace officer 113
training commission attesting to the person's satisfactory 114
completion of an approved state, county, municipal, or 115
department of natural resources peace officer basic training 116
program; 117

(19) A special police officer employed by a municipal 118
corporation who has been awarded a certificate by the executive 119
director of the Ohio peace officer training commission for 120
satisfactory completion of an approved peace officer basic 121
training program and who is employed on a permanent basis on or 122
after March 19, 2003, at a municipal airport, or other municipal 123
air navigation facility, that has scheduled operations, as 124
defined in section 119.3 of Title 14 of the Code of Federal 125
Regulations, 14 C.F.R. 119.3, as amended, and that is required 126
to be under a security program and is governed by aviation 127
security rules of the transportation security administration of 128
the United States department of transportation as provided in 129
Parts 1542. and 1544. of Title 49 of the Code of Federal 130
Regulations, as amended; 131

(20) A police officer who is employed by an owner or 132
operator of an amusement park that has an average yearly 133
attendance in excess of six hundred thousand guests and that 134
employs and maintains its own proprietary police department or 135
security department, and who is appointed and commissioned by a 136
judge of the appropriate municipal court or county court 137

pursuant to section 4973.17 of the Revised Code; 138

(21) A police officer who is employed by a bank, savings 139
and loan association, savings bank, credit union, or association 140
of banks, savings and loan associations, savings banks, or 141
credit unions, who has been appointed and commissioned by the 142
secretary of state pursuant to sections 4973.17 to 4973.22 of 143
the Revised Code, and who has been awarded a certificate by the 144
executive director of the Ohio peace officer training commission 145
attesting to the person's satisfactory completion of a state, 146
county, municipal, or department of natural resources peace 147
officer basic training program; 148

(22) An investigator, as defined in section 109.541 of the 149
Revised Code, of the bureau of criminal identification and 150
investigation who is commissioned by the superintendent of the 151
bureau as a special agent for the purpose of assisting law 152
enforcement officers or providing emergency assistance to peace 153
officers pursuant to authority granted under that section; 154

(23) A state fire marshal law enforcement officer 155
appointed under section 3737.22 of the Revised Code or a person 156
serving as a state fire marshal law enforcement officer on a 157
permanent basis on or after July 1, 1982, who has been awarded a 158
certificate by the executive director of the Ohio peace officer 159
training commission attesting to the person's satisfactory 160
completion of an approved state, county, municipal, or 161
department of natural resources peace officer basic training 162
program; 163

(24) A gaming agent employed under section 3772.03 of the 164
Revised Code; 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 196
meanings as in section 4765.01 of the Revised Code and "EMT" and 197
"AEMT" have the same meanings as in section 4765.011 of the 198
Revised Code. 199

(G) "Nurse" means any of the following: 200

(1) Any person who is licensed to practice nursing as a 201
registered nurse by the board of nursing; 202

(2) Any certified nurse practitioner, clinical nurse 203
specialist, certified registered nurse anesthetist, or certified 204
nurse-midwife who holds a certificate of authority issued by the 205
board of nursing under Chapter 4723. of the Revised Code; 206

(3) Any person who is licensed to practice nursing as a 207
licensed practical nurse by the board of nursing pursuant to 208
Chapter 4723. of the Revised Code. 209

(H) "Physician" means a person who is licensed pursuant to 210
Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code to practice medicine and 211
surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery. 212

(I) "County correctional officer" has the same meaning as 213
in section 341.41 of the Revised Code. 214

(J) (1) "Fire investigator" means an employee of a fire 215
department charged with investigating fires and explosions who 216
has been authorized, in accordance with sections 737.27 and 217
3737.24 of the Revised Code, to perform the duties of 218
investigating the origin and cause of fires and explosions using 219
the scientific method to investigate elements of the event 220
including the circumstances, actions, persons, means, and 221
motives that resulted in the fire or explosion or the report of 222
a fire or explosion within this state. 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

Sec. 109.77. (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
~~mental health and addiction services~~ behavioral health 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;

(j) A gaming agent employed under section 3772.03 of the Revised Code;

(k) The inspector general or a deputy inspector general appointed pursuant to section 121.48 of the Revised Code.

(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:

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

(b) A natural resources law enforcement staff officer,

park officer, forest officer, preserve officer, wildlife 308
officer, or state watercraft officer of the department of 309
natural resources; 310

(c) An employee of a park district under section 511.232 311
or 1545.13 of the Revised Code; 312

(d) An employee of a conservancy district who is 313
designated pursuant to section 6101.75 of the Revised Code; 314

(e) A special police officer employed by the department of 315
~~mental health and addiction services~~ behavioral health pursuant 316
to section 5119.08 of the Revised Code or the department of 317
developmental disabilities pursuant to section 5123.13 of the 318
Revised Code; 319

(f) An enforcement agent of the department of public 320
safety whom the director of public safety designates under 321
section 5502.14 of the Revised Code; 322

(g) A special police officer employed by a port authority 323
under section 4582.04 or 4582.28 of the Revised Code; 324

(h) A special police officer employed by a municipal 325
corporation at a municipal airport, or other municipal air 326
navigation facility, that has scheduled operations, as defined 327
in section 119.3 of Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations, 328
14 C.F.R. 119.3, as amended, and that is required to be under a 329
security program and is governed by aviation security rules of 330
the transportation security administration of the United States 331
department of transportation as provided in Parts 1542. and 332
1544. of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, as 333
amended. 334

(3) For purposes of division (B) of this section, a state, 335
county, municipal, or department of natural resources peace 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 368
conservancy district designated pursuant to section 6101.75 of 369
the Revised Code, to any person serving on a permanent basis on 370
January 10, 1991, as a preserve officer of the department of 371
natural resources, to any person employed on a permanent basis 372
on July 2, 1992, as a special police officer by the department 373
of ~~mental health and addiction services~~ behavioral health 374
pursuant to section 5119.08 of the Revised Code or by the 375
department of developmental disabilities pursuant to section 376
5123.13 of the Revised Code, to any person serving on a 377
permanent basis on May 17, 2000, as a special police officer 378
employed by a port authority under section 4582.04 or 4582.28 of 379
the Revised Code, to any person serving on a permanent basis on 380
March 19, 2003, as a special police officer employed by a 381
municipal corporation at a municipal airport or other municipal 382
air navigation facility described in division (A)(19) of section 383
109.71 of the Revised Code, to any person serving on a permanent 384
basis on June 19, 1978, as a state university law enforcement 385
officer pursuant to section 3345.04 of the Revised Code and who, 386
immediately prior to June 19, 1978, was serving as a special 387
police officer designated under authority of that section, or to 388
any person serving on a permanent basis on September 20, 1984, 389
as a liquor control investigator, known after June 30, 1999, as 390
an enforcement agent of the department of public safety, engaged 391
in the enforcement of Chapters 4301. and 4303. of the Revised 392
Code. 393

(5) Division (B) of this section does not apply to any 394
person who is appointed as a regional transit authority police 395
officer pursuant to division (Y) of section 306.35 of the 396
Revised Code if, on or before July 1, 1996, the person has 397
completed satisfactorily an approved state, county, municipal, 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 488
January 1, 1997, pursuant to a negotiated plea agreement as 489
provided in division (D) of section 2929.43 of the Revised Code 490
in which the person agrees to surrender the certificate awarded 491
to the person under this section. 492

(2) The executive director of the commission shall suspend 493
any certificate that has been awarded to a person as prescribed 494
in this section if the person is convicted, after trial, of a 495
felony committed on or after January 1, 1997. The executive 496
director shall suspend the certificate pursuant to division (F) 497
(2) of this section pending the outcome of an appeal by the 498
person from that conviction to the highest court to which the 499
appeal is taken or until the expiration of the period in which 500
an appeal is required to be filed. If the person files an appeal 501
that results in that person's acquittal of the felony or 502
conviction of a misdemeanor, or in the dismissal of the felony 503
charge against that person, the executive director shall 504
reinstate the certificate awarded to the person under this 505
section. If the person files an appeal from that person's 506
conviction of the felony and the conviction is upheld by the 507
highest court to which the appeal is taken or if the person does 508
not file a timely appeal, the executive director shall revoke 509
the certificate awarded to the person under this section. 510

(G) (1) If a person is awarded a certificate under this 511
section and the certificate is revoked pursuant to division (E) 512
(4) or (F) of this section, the person shall not be eligible to 513
receive, at any time, a certificate attesting to the person's 514
satisfactory completion of a peace officer basic training 515
program. 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
lapse in the person's service as a peace officer.

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

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

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

Sec. 121.483. ~~A—The inspector general or a deputy~~
inspector general appointed under section 121.48 of the Revised
Code, 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, ~~or municipal,~~ or department of natural resources peace
officer basic training program, ~~shall, during the term of the~~
~~deputy inspector general's appointment, be considered a peace~~
~~officer for the purpose of maintaining a current and valid basic~~
~~training certificate pursuant to rules adopted under section~~
~~109.74 of the Revised Code~~ under section 109.77 of the Revised
Code has the same arrest authority as a peace officer. The
inspector general or a deputy inspector general may exercise

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; the inspector 669
general or a deputy inspector general appointed pursuant to 670
section 121.48 of the Revised Code while the inspector general 671
or a deputy inspector general is engaged in the scope of the 672
inspector general's or deputy inspector general's duties under 673
sections 121.42 to 121.52 of the Revised Code; and, for the 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,	699
and 2935.01 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed.	700