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To enact section 4506.26 of the Revised Code to 1
require the Department of Public Safety to 2
reimburse a county, township, or township 3
trustee for a township trustee's commercial 4
driver's license training. 5

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

Section 1. That section 4506.26 of the Revised Code be 6
enacted to read as follows: 7

Sec. 4506.26. (A) (1) The township commercial driver's 8
license training reimbursement program is created in the 9
department of public safety. Under the program, the director of 10
public safety shall reimburse a board of county commissioners, a 11
board of township trustees, or an individual township trustee, 12
as applicable, the costs associated with a township trustee 13
completing the training required to obtain a commercial driver's 14
license. 15

(2) The director shall provide reimbursement for training 16
costs under the program if all of the following apply: 17

(a) The township trustee successfully completes commercial 18
driver's license training and obtains an Ohio commercial 19
driver's license. 20

(b) The township trustee either holds a township office or 21
is elected to hold a township office commencing on the first day 22
of January next after the trustee's election at the time that 23
the commercial driver's license training is completed. 24

(c) The costs of the commercial driver's license training 25
were paid by the township trustee or by the board of township 26
trustees or the board of county commissioners on behalf of the 27
township trustee. 28

(B) (1) The director shall establish an application form 29
for reimbursement under the program and make it available on the 30
department's web site. 31

(2) To apply for reimbursement, the board of county 32
commissioners, board of township trustees, or individual 33
township trustee, as applicable, shall submit a completed 34
application to the department. The application shall include all 35
of the following: 36

(a) Proof that the township trustee enrolled in and 37
successfully completed the commercial driver's license training 38
from an authorized driver training school pursuant to section 39
4508.031 of the Revised Code or an authorized driver training 40
provider listed on the federal motor carrier safety 41
administration's training provider registry; 42

(b) Proof that the tuition costs of the commercial 43
driver's license training were paid by the township trustee or 44
by the board of township trustees or the board of county 45
commissioners on behalf of the township trustee and 46
documentation of the amount of those tuition costs; 47

(c) Proof that the township trustee obtained an Ohio 48
commercial driver's license; 49

(d) The signature of the township trustee or 50
representative from the board of county commissioners or board 51
of township trustees making the application; 52

(e) Any other documentation the director requires. 53

(C) The director shall approve any application that meets 54
the requirements of this section. If approved, the director 55
shall reimburse the full amount of the tuition costs of the 56
commercial driver's license training to the board of county 57
commissioners, the board of township trustees, or the individual 58
township trustee, as applicable. 59

(D) The director shall establish any procedures and 60
requirements necessary to administer this section. 61

Section 2. The reimbursement authorized under section 62
4506.26 of the Revised Code applies only to township trustees 63
who are elected after the effective date of this section. 64