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## Bill Analysis

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### SUMMARY

- Adds the Inspector General and a deputy Inspector General to the definition of “peace officer” while either is engaged in the scope of the official’s duties.

### DETAILED ANALYSIS

#### “Peace officer”

The bill expands the definition of “peace officer” to include the Inspector General or a deputy Inspector General 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, while the Inspector General or deputy Inspector General is engaged in the scope of the official’s duties.<sup>1</sup> As a result of the bill’s change to the definition, gaming agents are considered peace officers for purposes of over 90 additional Revised Code sections, including several provisions related to arrest or the issuance and execution of warrants, as well as the application of increased penalties for assault when the victim is a peace officer.<sup>2</sup>

The bill also requires a person, in order to receive an original appointment on a permanent basis as the Inspector General or a deputy Inspector General, to have previously 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 course.<sup>3</sup> The Inspector General or a deputy Inspector General who has been awarded this certificate has the same arrest authority as

<sup>1</sup> R.C. 109.71(A)(26) and 2935.01(B).

<sup>2</sup> R.C. 109.71 (A)(26) and 2935.01(B); see also R.C. 2903.13, not in the bill.

<sup>3</sup> R.C. 109.77(B)(1)(k).

a peace officer. The Inspector General or a deputy Inspector General can exercise this arrest authority only while the Inspector General or a deputy Inspector General is engaged in the scope of the Inspector General’s or deputy Inspector General’s duties.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> R.C. 121.483.