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A BILL

To amend section 109.803 and to enact section 1
109.802 of the Revised Code and to amend Section 2
701.70 of H.B. 110 of the 134th General 3
Assembly, as subsequently amended, to create the 4
Law Enforcement Assistance Fund to reimburse for 5
specified costs of peace officer and trooper 6
continuing professional training, to create the 7
Law Enforcement Equipment Fund to provide grants 8
to small local law enforcement agencies to be 9
used for purchasing law enforcement equipment, 10
and to make an appropriation. 11

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

Section 1. That section 109.803 be amended and section 12
109.802 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows: 13

Sec. 109.802. (A) (1) As used in this section: 14

(a) "Additional continuing professional training" means 15
continuing professional training of peace officers and troopers 16
that is in addition to the mandatory continuing professional 17
training of the officers and troopers, and that is expressly 18
preapproved by the Ohio peace officer training commission or 19

that is in a category of training expressly preapproved by the 20
commission. 21

(b) "Costs related to continuing professional training" 22
means all of the following: 23

(i) The salaries of peace officers and troopers earned 24
while they are receiving mandatory or additional continuing 25
professional training and while they are on duty in their 26
official capacity, as based on the hourly wages of the officers 27
and troopers; 28

(ii) The actual cost charged for training described in 29
division (A) (1) (b) (i) of this section, by the entity providing 30
the training; 31

(iii) Any amount paid to officers and troopers who work as 32
replacements for the officers and troopers receiving training 33
described in division (A) (1) (b) (i) of this section and that is 34
overtime pay for those officers and troopers while working as 35
replacements. 36

(c) "Full-time peace officer" means a peace officer who is 37
in paid status for at least forty hours per week. 38

(d) "Mandatory continuing professional training" means the 39
continuing professional training of peace officers and troopers 40
that is required during or after calendar year 2023 under 41
section 109.803 of the Revised Code, and that is expressly 42
preapproved by the Ohio peace officer training commission or 43
that is in a category of training expressly preapproved by the 44
commission. 45

(e) "Peace officer," "trooper," and "appointing authority" 46
have the same meanings as in section 109.803 of the Revised 47
Code. 48

(f) "Qualifying law enforcement agency" means any 49
municipal, township, or county law enforcement agency that 50
employs not more than twenty-five full-time peace officers. 51

(2) The provisions of this section regarding reimbursement 52
for costs related to mandatory and additional continuing 53
professional training successfully completed by peace officers 54
and troopers and grants to qualifying law enforcement agencies 55
apply on and after the effective date of this section or July 1, 56
2023, whichever is later. 57

(B) (1) There is hereby created in the state treasury the 58
law enforcement assistance fund. The attorney general shall use 59
the fund to pay reimbursements for costs related to mandatory or 60
additional continuing professional training successfully 61
completed by peace officers and troopers during or after 62
calendar year 2023 as provided in this section and section 63
109.803 of the Revised Code, compensation of any employees of 64
the attorney general required to administer those sections, and 65
any other administrative costs incurred by the attorney general 66
to administer those sections. Money in the fund that is not 67
distributed under divisions (B) to (F) of this section during 68
any state fiscal year, commencing in state fiscal year 2024, 69
shall be transferred at the end of that fiscal year to the law 70
enforcement equipment fund established under division (G) of 71
this section, to be used for making grants for the purposes 72
specified in that division. 73

(2) The provisions of this section apply with respect to 74
reimbursement for costs related to mandatory or additional 75
continuing professional training that is successfully completed 76
by peace officers and troopers during or after calendar year 77
2023, subject to the maximum per calendar year specified in 78

division (C) of this section and to the limitations specified in 79
division (D) (2) of this section, and to the provision of grants 80
after that calendar year under division (G) of this section. 81

(C) The attorney general shall adopt rules in accordance 82
with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code establishing application 83
procedures, standards, and guidelines, and prescribing an 84
application form, for the reimbursement, on a quarterly basis, 85
of public appointing authorities for costs related to mandatory 86
or additional continuing professional training that is 87
successfully completed by their peace officers and troopers 88
during or after calendar year 2023, subject to the maximum 89
specified in this division and to the limitations specified in 90
division (D) (2) of this section. The total number of hours of 91
successfully completed training with respect to which 92
reimbursement may be provided under this section, for mandatory 93
continuing professional training plus any additional continuing 94
professional training, shall not exceed forty hours in any 95
calendar year. The rules shall include, but are not limited to, 96
all of the following: 97

(1) A requirement that applications for reimbursement be 98
submitted on a quarterly basis during a calendar year, with 99
applications requesting reimbursement for costs related to 100
training successfully completed in January, February, or March 101
of a calendar year being submitted not later than the thirty- 102
first day of March of that calendar year, applications 103
requesting reimbursement for costs related to training 104
successfully completed in April, May, or June of a calendar year 105
being submitted not later than the thirtieth day of June of that 106
calendar year, applications requesting reimbursement for costs 107
related to training successfully completed in July, August, or 108
September of a calendar year being submitted not later than the 109

thirtieth day of September of that calendar year, and 110
applications requesting reimbursement for costs related to 111
training successfully completed in October, November, and 112
December of a calendar year being submitted not later than the 113
thirty-first day of December of that calendar year; 114

(2) The documentation required to substantiate any costs 115
for which the applicant seeks reimbursement, including 116
documentation evidencing all of the following: 117

(a) The successful completion of the mandatory or 118
additional continuing professional training with respect to 119
which the applicant seeks reimbursement, the number of hours of 120
that training that were for mandatory training, and the number 121
of hours that were for additional training; 122

(b) The salaries of the officers and troopers while 123
receiving the training described in division (C) (2) (a) of this 124
section and on duty in their official capacity, as based on 125
their hourly wages; 126

(c) The actual cost charged for the training described in 127
division (C) (2) (a) of this section, by the entity providing the 128
training; 129

(d) Any payment received from any other source to cover 130
any amount of the salaries or actual costs described in division 131
(C) (2) (b) or (c) of this section; 132

(e) The amount of any overtime paid to officers or 133
troopers substituting for officers or troopers receiving the 134
training described in division (C) (2) (a) of this section, and 135
for which the applicant seeks reimbursement. 136

(3) Procedures for submitting applications for 137
reimbursement for costs related to mandatory continuing 138

professional training successfully completed by a peace officer 139
or trooper for whom the executive director of the Ohio peace 140
officer training commission granted pursuant to division (A) (2) 141
of section 109.803 of the Revised Code an extension of the time 142
for compliance with the continuing professional training 143
requirement specified in division (A) of that section, and for 144
the payment of reimbursements for costs related to that 145
training; 146

(4) Procedures for the payment of reimbursements from the 147
fund on a quarterly basis, as described in division (D) (1) of 148
this section, and standards for determining the amounts of those 149
quarterly reimbursements; 150

(5) Any other requirements necessary for the proper 151
administration of the reimbursement program. 152

(D) (1) The Ohio peace officer training commission shall 153
administer a program for reimbursing public appointing 154
authorities for costs related to mandatory or additional 155
continuing professional training that is successfully completed 156
by the appointing authority's peace officers or troopers during 157
or after calendar year 2023. Reimbursements under the program 158
shall be paid on a quarterly basis, not later than the fifteenth 159
day of the month following the last month for which training is 160
covered under the application in question. The commission shall 161
administer the reimbursement program in accordance with rules 162
adopted by the attorney general pursuant to division (C) of this 163
section. 164

(2) No reimbursement shall be made under this section for 165
any cost related to any mandatory or additional continuing 166
professional training successfully completed by a peace officer 167
or trooper prior to July 1, 2023. 168

All reimbursements to be made under this section shall be 169
reduced by any payment received from any other source to cover 170
either any amount of the salaries of the officers and troopers 171
while receiving the training with respect to which the applicant 172
seeks reimbursement or any amount of the actual cost charged for 173
that training. 174

(E) Each public appointing authority may apply each 175
quarter of a calendar year, by the dates specified in division 176
(C) (1) of this section, to the peace officer training commission 177
for reimbursement for costs related to mandatory or additional 178
continuing professional training successfully completed by the 179
appointing authority's peace officers or troopers during or 180
after calendar year 2023. Reimbursement may be requested for 181
both costs related to mandatory continuing professional training 182
and costs related to additional continuing professional 183
training, subject to the maximum per calendar year specified in 184
division (C) of this section and to the limitations specified in 185
division (D) (2) of this section. Each application shall be made 186
in accordance with, on an application form prescribed in, and be 187
supported by the documentation required by, the rules adopted by 188
the attorney general pursuant to division (C) of this section. 189

(F) (1) The Ohio peace officer training commission, in 190
accordance with rules of the attorney general adopted under 191
division (C) of this section, shall review each application for 192
reimbursement made under division (E) of this section to 193
determine if the applicant is entitled to reimbursement for 194
costs related to the mandatory or additional continuing 195
professional training for which the applicant seeks 196
reimbursement. Subject to division (F) (2) of this section, a 197
public appointing authority that complies with division (B) of 198
section 109.761 of the Revised Code and applies under division 199

(E) of this section for reimbursement is entitled to 200
reimbursement, on a quarterly basis, for both costs related to 201
mandatory continuing professional training and costs related to 202
additional continuing professional training, successfully 203
completed by each of the appointing authority's peace officers 204
or troopers. The reimbursements are subject to the maximum per 205
calendar year specified in division (C) of this section and to 206
the limitations specified in division (D) (2) of this section. 207

(2) If a peace officer or trooper of the public appointing 208
authority for whom the executive director of the commission 209
granted an extension under division (A) (2) of section 109.803 of 210
the Revised Code successfully completes mandatory continuing 211
professional training during the period of the extension, the 212
public appointing authority is entitled to reimbursement for 213
costs related to the mandatory continuing professional training 214
successfully completed by that peace officer or trooper, subject 215
to the maximum per calendar year specified in division (C) of 216
this section and to the limitations specified in division (D) (2) 217
of this section. An application for reimbursement of the type 218
described in this division shall be made in accordance with 219
rules adopted by the attorney general pursuant to division (C) 220
of this section, and reimbursements shall be made in accordance 221
with those rules. 222

(3) If a public appointing authority that applies under 223
division (E) of this section for reimbursement is entitled to 224
reimbursement under division (F) (1) or (2) of this section for 225
costs related to the mandatory or additional continuing 226
professional training of each peace officer and trooper who 227
successfully completes the training, the commission shall 228
approve reimbursing the appointing authority for the costs 229
related to that training, subject to the maximum per calendar 230

year specified in division (C) of this section and to the 231
limitations specified in division (D) (2) of this section. 232
Reimbursements under the program shall be paid on a quarterly 233
basis, in accordance with divisions (C) and (D) of this section. 234

If a public appointing authority is entitled to 235
reimbursement under division (F) (2) of this section for costs of 236
mandatory or continuing professional training successfully 237
completed by any of its peace officers or troopers, payment of 238
the reimbursement shall not be withheld during the period of the 239
extension granted to other peace officers or troopers of the 240
authority under division (A) (2) of section 109.803 of the 241
Revised Code, pending their compliance with the requirement for 242
mandatory continuing professional training under that section. 243
If a public appointing authority is entitled to reimbursement 244
under division (F) (2) of this section and if one or more of its 245
peace officers or troopers fails to complete the required 246
minimum number of hours of continuing professional training set 247
by the commission under division (A) (1) of section 109.803 of 248
the Revised Code during the calendar year or during the period 249
of an extension granted to the officer or trooper under division 250
(A) (2) of section 109.803 of the Revised Code, the failure does 251
not affect the reimbursement made to the public appointing 252
authority, and the public appointing authority is not required 253
to return the reimbursement or any portion of it. 254

(G) There is hereby created in the state treasury the law 255
enforcement equipment fund. At the end of each fiscal year, 256
commencing in fiscal year 2024, any surplus money in the law 257
enforcement assistance fund shall be transferred to the law 258
enforcement equipment fund. Money in the law enforcement 259
equipment fund shall be distributed in the form of grants to 260
qualifying law enforcement agencies to be used for the purchase 261

of law enforcement equipment, including, but not limited to, 262
vehicles on state-bid contracts, leather goods, firearms, 263
protective vests, and communications devices or materials. 264

The attorney general shall adopt rules in accordance with 265
Chapter 119. of the Revised Code establishing application 266
procedures, standards, and guidelines, and prescribing an 267
application form, for grants under this division. 268

The Ohio peace officer training commission shall 269
administer a program for providing grants under this division, 270
in accordance with the rules adopted by the attorney general 271
pursuant to this division. Qualifying law enforcement agencies 272
may apply in accordance with those rules for grants under the 273
program. Priority for the grants shall be given to qualifying 274
law enforcement agencies based on their size and need, with 275
smaller agencies being given preference for a grant. 276

(H) (1) Each public appointing authority that receives 277
funds under divisions (B) to (F) of this section shall keep 278
those funds separate from any other funds of the appointing 279
authority and shall use those funds only for paying costs 280
related to mandatory or additional continuing professional 281
training. 282

(2) Each qualifying law enforcement agency that receives a 283
grant under division (G) of this section shall keep the funds 284
received under the grant separate from any other funds of the 285
agency and shall use those funds only for the purchase of law 286
enforcement equipment as specified in that division. 287

Sec. 109.803. (A) (1) Subject to divisions (A) (2) and (B) 288
of this section, every appointing authority shall require each 289
of its appointed peace officers and troopers to complete up to 290

twenty-four hours of continuing professional training each 291
calendar year, as directed by the Ohio peace officer training 292
commission. The number of hours directed by the commission, up 293
to twenty-four hours, is intended to be a minimum requirement, 294
and appointing authorities are encouraged to exceed the number 295
of hours the commission directs as the minimum, provided that 296
any reimbursement under section 109.802 of the Revised Code for 297
the total amount of training completed is subject to the forty- 298
hour maximum per calendar year specified in division (C) of that 299
section and to the limitations specified in division (D) (2) of 300
that section. The commission shall set the required minimum 301
number of hours based upon available funding for reimbursement 302
as described in this division. ~~If~~ Through calendar year 2022, if 303
no funding for the reimbursement is available, no continuing 304
professional training will be required. 305

(2) An appointing authority may submit a written request 306
to the peace officer training commission that requests for a 307
calendar year because of emergency circumstances an extension of 308
the time within which one or more of its appointed peace 309
officers or troopers must complete the required minimum number 310
of hours of continuing professional training set by the 311
commission, as described in division (A) (1) of this section. A 312
request made under this division shall set forth the name of 313
each of the appointing authority's peace officers or troopers 314
for whom an extension is requested, identify the emergency 315
circumstances related to that peace officer or trooper, include 316
documentation of those emergency circumstances, and set forth 317
the date on which the request is submitted to the commission. A 318
request shall be made under this division not later than the 319
fifteenth day of December in the calendar year for which the 320
extension is requested. 321

Upon receipt of a written request made under this 322
division, the executive director of the commission shall review 323
the request and the submitted documentation. If the executive 324
director of the commission is satisfied that emergency 325
circumstances exist for any peace officer or trooper for whom a 326
request was made under this division, the executive director may 327
approve the request for that peace officer or trooper and grant 328
an extension of the time within which that peace officer or 329
trooper must complete the required minimum number of hours of 330
continuing professional training set by the commission. An 331
extension granted under this division may be for any period of 332
time the executive director believes to be appropriate, and the 333
executive director shall specify in the notice granting the 334
extension the date on which the extension ends. Not later than 335
thirty days after the date on which a request is submitted to 336
the commission, for each peace officer and trooper for whom an 337
extension is requested, the executive director either shall 338
approve the request and grant an extension or deny the request 339
and deny an extension and shall send to the appointing authority 340
that submitted the request written notice of the executive 341
director's decision. 342

If the executive director grants an extension of the time 343
within which a particular appointed peace officer or trooper of 344
an appointing authority must complete the required minimum 345
number of hours of continuing professional training set by the 346
commission, the appointing authority shall require that peace 347
officer or trooper to complete the required minimum number of 348
hours of training not later than the date on which the extension 349
ends. 350

(B) With the advice of the Ohio peace officer training 351
commission, the attorney general shall adopt in accordance with 352

Chapter 119. of the Revised Code rules setting forth minimum 353
standards for continuing professional training for peace 354
officers and troopers and governing the administration of 355
continuing professional training programs for peace officers and 356
troopers. The rules adopted by the attorney general under 357
division (B) of this section shall do all of the following: 358

(1) Allow peace officers and troopers to earn credit for 359
up to four hours of continuing professional training for time 360
spent while on duty providing drug use prevention education 361
training that utilizes evidence-based curricula to students in 362
school districts, community schools established under Chapter 363
3314., STEM schools established under Chapter 3326., and 364
college-preparatory boarding schools established under Chapter 365
3328. of the Revised Code. 366

(2) Allow a peace officer or trooper appointed by a law 367
enforcement agency to earn hours of continuing professional 368
training for other peace officers or troopers appointed by the 369
law enforcement agency by providing drug use prevention 370
education training under division (B)(1) of this section so that 371
hours earned by the peace officer or trooper providing the 372
training in excess of four hours may be applied to offset the 373
number of continuing professional training hours required of 374
another peace officer or trooper appointed by that law 375
enforcement agency. 376

(3) Prohibit the use of continuing professional training 377
hours earned under division (B)(1) or (2) of this section from 378
being used to offset any mandatory hands-on training 379
requirement. 380

(4) Require a peace officer to complete training on proper 381
interactions with civilians during traffic stops and other in- 382

person encounters, which training shall have an online offering	383
and shall include all of the following topics:	384
(a) A person's rights during an interaction with a peace officer, including all of the following:	385
(i) When a peace officer may require a person to exit a vehicle;	387
(ii) Constitutional protections from illegal search and seizure;	388
(iii) The rights of a passenger in a vehicle who has been pulled over for a traffic stop;	389
(iv) The right for a citizen to record an encounter with a peace officer.	390
(b) Proper actions for interacting with a civilian and methods for diffusing a stressful encounter with a civilian;	391
(c) Laws regarding questioning and detention by peace officers, including any law requiring a person to present proof of identity to a peace officer, and the consequences for a person's or officer's failure to comply with those laws;	392
(d) Any other requirements and procedures necessary for the proper implementation of this section.	393
(C) The attorney general shall transmit a certified copy of any rule adopted under this section to the secretary of state.	394
(D) As used in this section:	395
(1) "Peace officer" has the same meaning as in section 109.71 of the Revised Code.	396
(2) "Trooper" means an individual appointed as a state	397

highway patrol trooper under section 5503.01 of the Revised Code. 410
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(3) "Appointing authority" means any agency or entity that appoints a peace officer or trooper. 412
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Section 2. That existing section 109.803 of the Revised Code is hereby repealed. 414
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Section 3. That Section 701.70 of H.B. 110 of the 134th General Assembly (as amended by H.B. 45 of the 134th General Assembly) be amended to read as follows: 416
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Sec. 701.70. (A) (1) As used in this section: 419

(a) "Peace officer" has the same meaning as in section 109.71 of the Revised Code. 420
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(b) "Trooper" means an individual appointed as a State Highway Patrol Trooper under section 5503.01 of the Revised Code. 422
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~~(2)~~ (2) (a) Not later than December 1, 2021, the Attorney General shall create a pilot program for state funding of the training of peace officers and troopers that is required under section 109.803 of the Revised Code. The pilot program shall be administered by the office of the Attorney General, in accordance with this section. The pilot program shall be an eighteen-month program, to be in existence from January 1, 2022, until June 30, 2023. Commencing on the effective date of section 109.802 of the Revised Code, as enacted in the act in which this amendment is made, or July 1, 2023, whichever is later, funding of the training shall be in accordance with section 109.802 of the Revised Code. 425
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(b) The pilot program under division (A) (2) of this 437

section shall consist of two components. The first component 438
applies with respect to state funding under the pilot program 439
during calendar year 2022 of the training of peace officers and 440
troopers that is required under section 109.803 of the Revised 441
Code, and shall be in existence only for calendar year 2022. 442
Divisions (B) (1) to (4) of this section apply with respect to 443
that first component. The second component applies with respect 444
to state funding under the pilot program from January 1, 2023, 445
until June 30, 2023, of the training of peace officers and 446
troopers that is required under section 109.803 of the Revised 447
Code. Divisions (C) (1) to (6) of this section apply with respect 448
to that second component. After the expiration of the pilot 449
program, state funding of the training of peace officers and 450
troopers that is required under section 109.803 of the Revised 451
Code shall be in accordance with section 109.802 of the Revised 452
Code, commencing at the time specified in division (A) (2) (a) of 453
this section. 454

(B) (1) Not later than December 2, 2021, each law 455
enforcement agency that has peace officers or troopers who are 456
subject to the training requirement set forth in section 109.803 457
of the Revised Code shall certify to the Attorney General the 458
total of all salaries to be paid in calendar year 2022 to 459
officers or troopers of the agency who will receive that 460
training in calendar year 2022 and the hourly rate of pay for 461
each of those officers and troopers. 462

(2) Not later than January 1, 2022, the Attorney General 463
shall begin the operation of the pilot program established under 464
division (A) (2) of this section. Prior to that date, the 465
Attorney General shall establish rules, under section 111.15 of 466
the Revised Code, for the operation and administration of the 467
component of the pilot program governed by division (B) of this 468

section, for the determination of eligibility for funding and 469
payments under that component of the program, and for the 470
provision of funding and payments under that component of the 471
program, in accordance with division (B) of this section. From 472
money appropriated to the Attorney General for the purposes of 473
such payments under that component of the pilot program, the 474
Attorney General shall pay to each law enforcement agency that 475
has peace officers or troopers who are subject to the training 476
requirement set forth in section 109.803 of the Revised Code an 477
amount to cover up to fifty per cent of the total cost of the 478
salaries of the officers or troopers of the agency to be paid to 479
officers or troopers who will receive that training in calendar 480
year 2022, as certified by the agency in accordance with 481
division (B)(1) of this section, during the period of the 482
training. The amount to be paid shall cover only the period 483
during which the officers or troopers are receiving that 484
training and shall not exceed an amount covering twenty-four 485
hours of the training. If the amount of the money appropriated 486
to the Attorney General for the purposes of the component of the 487
pilot program governed by division (B) of this section is 488
insufficient to pay fifty per cent of the total cost of the 489
salaries of the peace officers or troopers of all law 490
enforcement agencies to be paid in calendar year 2022 to 491
officers or troopers who will receive that training in calendar 492
year 2022, the amount to be paid to each such agency shall be 493
reduced proportionately so that each agency is paid an equal 494
percentage of its cost in the year for the training. No payment 495
shall be made to any law enforcement agency under division (B) 496
of this section after January 1, 2023. If a law enforcement 497
agency that receives money under this division does not use all 498
of the money for the salaries certified by the agency in 499
accordance with division (B)(1) of this section, the agency 500

shall retain all of the money not used and shall use the 501
retained money only for paying the cost of future continuing 502
professional training programs for its peace officers and 503
troopers. 504

A law enforcement agency that receives any payments under 505
this division shall be responsible for paying the cost of 506
training of its peace officers or troopers required under 507
section 109.803 of the Revised Code that exceeds the amount of 508
the payment received under the pilot program under this 509
division. 510

(3) Except as otherwise provided in this division, state 511
funding for the training of peace officers or troopers that is 512
required under section 109.803 of the Revised Code shall be 513
provided in calendar year 2022 only in accordance with division 514
(B) (2) of this section, notwithstanding former section 109.802 515
of the Revised Code as it existed prior to September 20, 2021, 516
rule 109:2-18-04 of the Administrative Code, and any other 517
provision of law that addresses any alternative method of state 518
funding for such training. The limitation specified in this 519
division does not apply with respect to direct appropriations 520
made to a state law enforcement agency ~~or~~, with respect to 521
funding in accordance with division (C) of this section as that 522
division exists on and after the effective date of this 523
amendment, or with respect to funding in accordance with section 524
109.802 of the Revised Code as that section exists on and after 525
the effective date of this amendment. 526

(4) Each law enforcement agency that receives money under 527
division (B) (2) of this section shall submit to the Attorney 528
General, by the date specified by the Attorney General, a report 529
that states the amount of money the agency received, how that 530

money was used, when it was used, and any other information with 531
respect to the use of the money that is required by the Attorney 532
General. The Attorney General shall prepare a report that 533
compiles the information in the reports received from law 534
enforcement agencies under this division and submit the report 535
to the General Assembly and the Legislative Service Commission. 536

(C) (1) From money appropriated to the Attorney General for 537
the purposes of payments under the component of the pilot 538
program governed by division (C) of this section, the Attorney 539
General shall pay reimbursements in accordance with division (C) 540
of this section for continuing professional training programs 541
for peace officers and troopers as provided in section 109.803 542
of the Revised Code. 543

(2) The Attorney General shall establish rules, under 544
section 111.15 of the Revised Code, specifying application 545
procedures, standards, and guidelines, and prescribing an 546
application form, for the reimbursement under division (C) of 547
this section of law enforcement agencies for the cost of 548
continuing professional training programs for their peace 549
officers and troopers that is required under section 109.803 of 550
the Revised Code. The rules shall include, but are not limited 551
to, all of the following: 552

(a) The date by which applications must be made and the 553
documentation required to substantiate any costs for which the 554
applicant seeks reimbursement; 555

(b) Procedures for making reimbursements from the fund and 556
standards for determining the amounts of those reimbursements; 557

(c) Any other requirements necessary for the proper 558
administration of the reimbursement program under division (C) 559

of this section. 560

(3) Each law enforcement agency may apply to the Attorney 561
General for reimbursement under division (C) of this section for 562
the costs of continuing professional training programs that are 563
successfully completed by the agency's peace officers or 564
troopers. Each application shall be made in accordance with, on 565
an application form prescribed in, and be supported by the 566
documentation required by, the rules adopted by the Attorney 567
General pursuant to division (C)(2) of this section. 568

(4) The Attorney General shall review each application for 569
reimbursement made under division (C)(3) of this section to 570
determine if the applicant is entitled to reimbursement for the 571
training programs for which the applicant seeks reimbursement. A 572
law enforcement agency that complies with division (B) of 573
section 109.761 of the Revised Code and applies under division 574
(C)(3) of this section for reimbursement is entitled to 575
reimbursement for each of the agency's peace officers or 576
troopers who timely complies with the continuing professional 577
training requirement specified in division (A)(1) of section 578
109.803 of the Revised Code by completing the minimum number of 579
hours of training directed by the Ohio peace officer training 580
commission under that division and with the other requirements 581
described in that division. 582

(5) If a law enforcement agency that applies under 583
division (C)(3) of this section for reimbursement is entitled to 584
reimbursement under division (C)(4) of this section for each 585
peace officer and trooper who successfully completes a training 586
program, the commission shall approve reimbursing the agency for 587
the cost of that program. The actual amount of reimbursement for 588
each authorized training program shall be determined by rules 589

adopted by the Attorney General under division (C) (2) of this section. 590
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(6) (a) Each law enforcement agency that receives funds 592
under division (C) (4) this section shall keep those funds 593
separate from any other funds of the agency and shall use those 594
funds only for paying the cost of continuing professional 595
training programs. 596

(b) If a law enforcement agency that receives funds for 597
reimbursement under division (C) (4) of this section for peace 598
officers or troopers who successfully complete a training 599
program does not use all of the funds received for such a 600
reimbursement, the agency shall retain all of the funds not used 601
and shall use the retained funds only for paying the cost of 602
future continuing professional training programs for its peace 603
officers and troopers. 604

(c) A law enforcement agency that receives funds for 605
reimbursement under division (C) (4) of this section shall be 606
responsible for paying the cost of training of its peace 607
officers or troopers required under section 109.803 of the 608
Revised Code that exceeds the amount of the payment received 609
under the pilot program under division (C) of this section. 610

(D) (1) There is created the Law Enforcement Training 611
Funding Study Commission. The Commission shall consist of the 612
following twelve members: 613

(a) The Attorney General or a designee of the Attorney 614
General who has experience in law enforcement funding issues; 615

(b) The Director of Public Safety or a designee of the 616
Director who has experience in law enforcement funding issues; 617

(c) Three members of the House of Representatives 618

appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, with 619
not more than two of the persons appointed as members being 620
members of the same political party; 621

(d) Three members of the Senate appointed by the President 622
of the Senate, with not more than two of the persons appointed 623
as members being members of the same political party; 624

(e) Four members of the public appointed by the Governor, 625
with each such member having a law enforcement background. 626

(2) The Speaker of the House of Representatives, the 627
President of the Senate, and the Governor shall make their 628
initial appointments to the Law Enforcement Training Funding 629
Study Commission not later than October 30, 2021. 630

(3) If an appointed member of the Law Enforcement Training 631
Funding Study Commission ceases to hold the position that led to 632
the member's appointment, the member is disqualified and a 633
vacancy occurs. Vacancies of appointed members shall be filled 634
in the same manner as original appointments. 635

(4) The Law Enforcement Training Funding Study Commission 636
shall hold its first meeting not later than October 30, 2021, 637
regardless of whether all members have been appointed under 638
division (D) (2) of this section. At its first meeting, the 639
Commission shall select a chairperson, and also shall select a 640
vice-chairperson to perform in the absence of the chairperson. 641
The Commission shall adopt procedures to govern its proceedings 642
and shall meet as necessary at the call of the chairperson or on 643
the written request of a majority of its members. A majority of 644
serving Commission members constitutes a quorum. Formal 645
recommendations shall be made by a vote of a majority of the 646
quorum present. Commission meetings shall be open to the public 647

under section 121.22 of the Revised Code. The Commission shall 648
keep minutes of its meetings as public records under section 649
149.43 of the Revised Code. 650

(5) Members of the Law Enforcement Training Funding Study 651
Commission shall serve without compensation. 652

(6) The Law Enforcement Training Funding Study Commission 653
shall study possible long-term methods for the provision of 654
state funding to law enforcement agencies for the training of 655
their peace officers and troopers that is required under section 656
109.803 of the Revised Code. The Commission shall evaluate the 657
plans for the pilot program established under division (A) of 658
this section, with respect to funding to be provided under 659
division (B) of this section, as part of the study. Upon 660
completion of the study, the Commission shall prepare a report 661
of its findings and recommendations for a long-term method for 662
the provision of state funding to law enforcement agencies for 663
the training of their peace officers and troopers that is 664
required under section 109.803 of the Revised Code. Not later 665
than March 1, 2022, the Commission shall submit the report to 666
the Governor, the General Assembly, the Attorney General, and 667
the Legislative Service Commission. Upon submission of the 668
report, the Commission shall cease to exist. 669

Section 4. That existing Section 701.70 of H.B. 110 of the 670
134th General Assembly (as amended by H.B. 45 of the 134th 671
General Assembly) is hereby repealed. 672

Section 5. All items in this act are hereby appropriated 673
as designated out of any moneys in the state treasury to the 674
credit of the designated fund. For all operating appropriations 675
made in this act, those in the first column are for fiscal year 676
2024 and those in the second column are for fiscal year 2025. 677

The operating appropriations made in this act are in addition to 678
any other operating appropriations made for these fiscal years. 679

Section 6. 680

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A	AGO ATTORNEY GENERAL				
B	Dedicated Purpose Fund Group				
C	5L50	055619	Law Enforcement Assistance Program	\$40,000,000	\$40,000,000
D	TOTAL DPF Dedicated Purpose Fund Group			\$40,000,000	\$40,000,000
E	TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS			\$40,000,000	\$40,000,000

GENERAL REVENUE FUND TRANSFER TO LAW ENFORCEMENT 682
ASSISTANCE FUND 683

On July 1 of each fiscal year of the biennium ending June 684
30, 2025, or as soon as possible thereafter, the Director of 685
Budget and Management shall transfer \$40,000,000 cash from the 686
General Revenue Fund to the Law Enforcement Assistance Fund 687
(Fund 5L50). 688

The foregoing appropriation item 055619, Law Enforcement 689
Assistance Program, shall be used by the Attorney General to pay 690
reimbursements for costs related to mandatory and additional 691
continuing professional training for peace officers and troopers 692
as provided in sections 109.802 and 109.803 of the Revised Code, 693
compensation of any employees of the Attorney General required 694

to administer those sections, and any other administrative costs 695
incurred by the Attorney General to administer those sections. 696

LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE FUND TRANSFER TO THE LAW 697
ENFORCEMENT EQUIPMENT FUND 698

On June 30 of each fiscal year, or as soon as possible 699
thereafter, the Attorney General shall certify to the Director 700
of Budget and Management the unexpended, unencumbered balance of 701
the Law Enforcement Assistance Fund remaining at the end of the 702
fiscal year. The Director of Budget and Management shall 703
transfer the amounts certified, or an amount jointly determined 704
by the Director of Budget and Management and the Attorney 705
General as surplus pursuant to division (G) of section 109.802 706
of the Revised Code, to the credit of the Law Enforcement 707
Equipment Fund created in division (G) of section 109.802 of the 708
Revised Code. The funds shall be distributed in the form of 709
grants to qualifying law enforcement agencies to be used for the 710
stated purposes in division (G) of section 109.802 of the 711
Revised Code. 712

Section 7. Within the limits set forth in this act, the 713
Director of Budget and Management shall establish accounts 714
indicating the source and amount of funds for each appropriation 715
made in this act, and shall determine the manner in which 716
appropriation accounts shall be maintained. Expenditures from 717
operating appropriations contained in this act shall be 718
accounted for as though made in, and are subject to all 719
applicable provisions of, the main operating appropriations act 720
of the 135th General Assembly. 721