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**A BILL**

To enact section 109.804 of the Revised Code to  
require the Ohio Peace Officer Training  
Commission to develop and conduct a chief of  
police training course for certain newly  
appointed chiefs of police.

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

**Section 1.** That section 109.804 of the Revised Code be  
enacted to read as follows:

**Sec. 109.804.** (A) The Ohio peace officer training  
commission shall develop and conduct a chief of police training  
course lasting forty hours for newly appointed chiefs of police  
appointed on or after January 1, 2018. The commission shall  
determine the course topics, which shall include diversity  
training with an emphasis on historical perspectives and  
community-police relations, and shall establish criteria for  
what constitutes successful completion of the course. The  
commission shall conduct the course at the Ohio peace officer

training academy and shall offer the course at least 17  
semiannually. 18

(B) A newly appointed chief of police may request an 19  
equivalency exemption from a portion of the forty hours of the 20  
chief of police training course by submitting to the Ohio peace 21  
officer training commission, not more than ten calendar days 22  
following the person's appointment as a chief of police, 23  
evidence of training or qualification in the subject area of the 24  
exempted portion. 25

(C) Upon presentation of evidence by a newly appointed 26  
chief of police that because of a medical disability or other 27  
good cause the newly appointed chief of police is unable to 28  
complete the chief of police training course, the Ohio peace 29  
officer training commission may defer the requirement for the 30  
newly appointed chief of police to complete the chief of police 31  
training course until the disability or cause terminates. 32

(D) A newly appointed chief of police appointed on or 33  
after January 1, 2018, shall attend a chief of police training 34  
course conducted by the Ohio peace officer training commission 35  
pursuant to division (A) of this section not later than six 36  
months after the person's appointment as a chief of police. 37  
While attending the chief of police training course, a newly 38  
appointed chief of police shall receive compensation in the same 39  
manner and amounts as if carrying out the powers and duties of 40  
the office of chief of police. The costs of conducting the chief 41  
of police training course shall be paid from state funds 42  
appropriated to the attorney general. The cost of meals, 43  
lodging, and travel of a newly appointed chief of police 44  
attending the chief of police training course shall be paid from 45  
the budget of the entity for which the newly appointed chief of 46

<u>police was appointed.</u>	47
<u>(E) As used in this section:</u>	48
<u>"Newly appointed chief of police" means a person appointed</u>	49
<u>chief of police under section 505.49, 737.05, or 737.15 of the</u>	50
<u>Revised Code or any administrative official that is responsible</u>	51
<u>for the daily administration and supervision of peace officers</u>	52
<u>in a law enforcement agency who did not hold the office of chief</u>	53
<u>of police on the date the person was appointed chief of police.</u>	54
<u>"Law enforcement agency" means a municipal or township</u>	55
<u>police department, or any other entity authorized by statute to</u>	56
<u>appoint peace officers to enforce criminal laws and who have the</u>	57
<u>statutory power of arrest. "Law enforcement agency" does not</u>	58
<u>include a county sheriff's office, the state highway patrol, or</u>	59
<u>the bureau of criminal identification and investigation.</u>	60