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A BILL

To amend section 4765.16 and to enact sections 1  
109.7410 and 4765.162 of the Revised Code to 2  
require emergency medical service personnel and 3  
peace officers to undergo dementia-related 4  
training. 5

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

**Section 1.** That section 4765.16 be amended and sections 6  
109.7410 and 4765.162 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as 7  
follows: 8

Sec. 109.7410. (A) As used in this section, "dementia" 9  
includes Alzheimer's disease or a related disorder. 10

(B) The attorney general, in consultation with the 11  
department of aging, shall adopt, in accordance with Chapter 12  
119. of the Revised Code or pursuant to section 109.74 of the 13  
Revised Code, rules governing the training of peace officers in 14  
identifying and interacting with individuals with dementia. The 15  
rules shall specify both of the following: 16

(1) The amount of dementia-related training, which shall 17  
be at least two hours of instruction, that is necessary for 18  
satisfactory completion of basic training programs at approved 19

peace officer training schools; 20

(2) The amount of dementia-related training, which shall 21  
be at least one hour of instruction, that may be credited for 22  
continuing professional training. 23

(C) The dementia-related training required under this 24  
section shall include instruction in all of the following: 25

(1) Identifying individuals with dementia, including 26  
psychiatric and behavioral symptoms of dementia; 27

(2) Respectful and effective communication techniques for 28  
communicating with individuals with dementia and their 29  
caregivers; 30

(3) Techniques for addressing the behavioral symptoms of 31  
dementia, including alternatives to physical restraint; 32

(4) Identifying and reporting incidents of abuse, neglect, 33  
and exploitation of individuals with dementia to the office of 34  
the attorney general; 35

(5) Protocols for contacting caregivers when an individual 36  
with dementia is found wandering or during an emergency or 37  
crisis situation; 38

(6) Local resources available for individuals with 39  
dementia; 40

(7) Local and national organizations that assist peace 41  
officers with locating missing and wandering individuals with 42  
dementia and returning them to their caregivers. 43

**Sec. 4765.16.** (A) All courses offered through an emergency 44  
medical services training program or an emergency medical 45  
services continuing education program, other than an ambulance 46

driving course and the dementia-related training course 47  
developed under section 4765.162 of the Revised Code, shall be 48  
developed under the direction of a physician who specializes in 49  
emergency medicine. Each course that deals with trauma care 50  
shall be developed in consultation with a physician who 51  
specializes in trauma surgery. ~~Except~~ 52

Except as specified by the state board of emergency 53  
medical, fire, and transportation services pursuant to rules 54  
adopted under section 4765.11 of the Revised Code, each course 55  
offered through a training program or continuing education 56  
program shall be taught by a person who holds the appropriate 57  
certificate to teach issued under section 4765.23 of the Revised 58  
Code. 59

(B) A training program for first responders shall meet the 60  
standards established in rules adopted by the board under 61  
section 4765.11 of the Revised Code. The program shall include 62  
courses in ~~both~~each of the following areas for at least the 63  
number of hours established by the board's rules: 64

(1) Emergency victim care; 65

(2) Reading and interpreting a trauma victim's vital 66  
signs; 67

(3) Identifying and interacting with individuals with 68  
dementia, as provided in the dementia-related training course 69  
developed under section 4765.162 of the Revised Code. 70

(C) A training program for emergency medical technicians- 71  
basic shall meet the standards established in rules adopted by 72  
the board under section 4765.11 of the Revised Code. The program 73  
shall include courses in each of the following areas for at 74  
least the number of hours established by the board's rules: 75

(1) Emergency victim care;	76
(2) Reading and interpreting a trauma victim's vital signs;	77 78
(3) Triage protocols for adult and pediatric trauma victims;	79 80
(4) In-hospital training;	81
(5) Clinical training;	82
(6) Training as an ambulance driver;	83
<u>(7) Identifying and interacting with individuals with dementia, as provided in the dementia-related training course developed under section 4765.162 of the Revised Code.</u>	84 85 86
Each operator of a training program for emergency medical technicians-basic shall allow any pupil in the twelfth grade in a secondary school who is at least seventeen years old and who otherwise meets the requirements for admission into such a training program to be admitted to and complete the program and, as part of the training, to ride in an ambulance with emergency medical technicians-basic, emergency medical technicians-intermediate, and emergency medical technicians-paramedic. Each emergency medical service organization shall allow pupils participating in training programs to ride in an ambulance with emergency medical technicians-basic, advanced emergency medical technicians-intermediate, and emergency medical technicians-paramedic.	87 88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99
(D) A training program for emergency medical technicians-intermediate shall meet the standards established in rules adopted by the board under section 4765.11 of the Revised Code. The program shall include, or require as a prerequisite, the	100 101 102 103

training specified in division (C) of this section and courses	104
in each of the following areas for at least the number of hours	105
established by the board's rules:	106
(1) Recognizing symptoms of life-threatening allergic	107
reactions and in calculating proper dosage levels and	108
administering injections of epinephrine to persons who suffer	109
life-threatening allergic reactions, conducted in accordance	110
with rules adopted by the board under section 4765.11 of the	111
Revised Code;	112
(2) Venous access procedures;	113
(3) Cardiac monitoring and electrical interventions to	114
support or correct the cardiac function.	115
(E) A training program for emergency medical technicians-	116
paramedic shall meet the standards established in rules adopted	117
by the board under section 4765.11 of the Revised Code. The	118
program shall include, or require as a prerequisite, the	119
training specified in divisions (C) and (D) of this section and	120
courses in each of the following areas for at least the number	121
of hours established by the board's rules:	122
(1) Medical terminology;	123
(2) Venous access procedures;	124
(3) Airway procedures;	125
(4) Patient assessment and triage;	126
(5) Acute cardiac care, including administration of	127
parenteral injections, electrical interventions, and other	128
emergency medical services;	129
(6) Emergency and trauma victim care beyond that required	130

under division (C) of this section; 131

(7) Clinical training beyond that required under division 132  
(C) of this section. 133

(F) A continuing education program for first responders, 134  
EMTs-basic, EMTs-I, or paramedics shall meet the standards 135  
established in rules adopted by the board under section 4765.11 136  
of the Revised Code. A continuing education program shall 137  
include instruction and training in subjects established by the 138  
board's rules for at least the number of hours established by 139  
the board's rules. A continuing education program also shall 140  
include instruction in identifying and interacting with 141  
individuals with dementia, as provided in the dementia-related 142  
training course developed under section 4765.162 of the Revised 143  
Code. 144

**Sec. 4765.162.** (A) As used in this section, "dementia" 145  
includes Alzheimer's disease or a related disorder. 146

(B) The state board of emergency medical, fire, and 147  
transportation services, in consultation with the department of 148  
aging, shall develop a dementia-related training course to be 149  
included in all emergency medical services training programs 150  
accredited under section 4765.15 of the Revised Code and all 151  
emergency medical services continuing education programs 152  
approved under that section. 153

(C) The board shall adopt rules under section 4765.11 of 154  
the Revised Code governing the dementia-related training course 155  
developed under this section. The rules shall specify both of 156  
the following: 157

(1) The amount of training, which shall be at least two 158  
hours of instruction, that is necessary for satisfactory 159

completion of the dementia-related training course included in 160  
an emergency medical services training program; 161

(2) The amount of training, which shall be at least one 162  
hour of instruction, that is necessary for satisfactory 163  
completion of the dementia-related training course included in 164  
an emergency medical services continuing education program. 165

(D) The dementia-related training course developed under 166  
this section shall include instruction in all of the following: 167

(1) Identifying individuals with dementia, including 168  
psychiatric and behavioral symptoms of dementia and common 169  
medical emergencies experienced by individuals with dementia; 170

(2) Respectful and effective communication techniques for 171  
communicating with individuals with dementia and their 172  
caregivers; 173

(3) Techniques for addressing the behavioral symptoms of 174  
dementia during the administration of emergency medical 175  
treatment; 176

(4) Identifying and reporting incidents of abuse, neglect, 177  
and exploitation of individuals with dementia to the office of 178  
the attorney general; 179

(5) Protocols for contacting caregivers when an individual 180  
with dementia is found wandering or during an emergency or 181  
crisis situation; 182

(6) Local resources available for individuals with 183  
dementia; 184

(7) Local and national organizations that assist emergency 185  
medical service personnel with locating missing and wandering 186  
individuals with dementia and returning them to their 187

caregivers.

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**Section 2.** That existing section 4765.16 of the Revised  
Code is hereby repealed.

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