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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  
departments of aging and job and family services, shall adopt, 12  
in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code or pursuant 13  
to section 109.74 of the Revised Code, rules governing the 14  
training of peace officers in identifying and interacting with 15

individuals with dementia. The rules shall specify both of the 16  
following: 17

(1) The amount of dementia-related training, which shall 18  
be at least two hours of instruction, that is necessary for 19  
satisfactory completion of basic training programs at approved 20  
peace officer training schools; 21

(2) The amount of dementia-related training, which shall 22  
be at least one hour of instruction, that may be credited for 23  
continuing professional training. 24

(C) The dementia-related training required under this 25  
section shall include instruction in all of the following: 26

(1) Identifying individuals with dementia, including 27  
psychiatric and behavioral symptoms of dementia; 28

(2) Respectful and effective communication techniques for 29  
communicating with individuals with dementia and their 30  
caregivers; 31

(3) Techniques for addressing the behavioral symptoms of 32  
dementia, including alternatives to physical restraint; 33

(4) Identifying and reporting incidents of abuse, neglect, 34  
and exploitation of individuals with dementia to the appropriate 35  
county department of job and family services in accordance with 36  
section 5101.63 of the Revised Code; 37

(5) Protocols for contacting caregivers when an individual 38  
with dementia is found wandering or during an emergency or 39  
crisis situation; 40

(6) Local resources available for individuals with 41  
dementia; 42

(7) Local and national organizations that assist peace officers with locating missing and wandering individuals with dementia and returning them to their caregivers. 43  
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**Sec. 4765.16.** (A) All courses offered through an emergency 46  
medical services training program or an emergency medical 47  
services continuing education program, other than an ambulance 48  
driving course and the dementia-related training course 49  
developed under section 4765.162 of the Revised Code, shall be 50  
developed under the direction of a physician who specializes in 51  
emergency medicine. Each course that deals with trauma care 52  
shall be developed in consultation with a physician who 53  
specializes in trauma surgery. ~~Except—~~ 54

Except as specified by the state board of emergency 55  
medical, fire, and transportation services pursuant to rules 56  
adopted under section 4765.11 of the Revised Code, each course 57  
offered through a training program or continuing education 58  
program shall be taught by a person who holds the appropriate 59  
certificate to teach issued under section 4765.23 of the Revised 60  
Code. 61

(B) A training program for first responders shall meet the 62  
standards established in rules adopted by the board under 63  
section 4765.11 of the Revised Code. The program shall include 64  
courses in ~~both~~ each of the following areas for at least the 65  
number of hours established by the board's rules: 66

(1) Emergency victim care; 67

(2) Reading and interpreting a trauma victim's vital 68  
signs; 69

(3) Identifying and interacting with individuals with 70  
dementia, as provided in the dementia-related training course 71

developed under section 4765.162 of the Revised Code. 72

(C) A training program for emergency medical technicians- 73  
basic shall meet the standards established in rules adopted by 74  
the board under section 4765.11 of the Revised Code. The program 75  
shall include courses in each of the following areas for at 76  
least the number of hours established by the board's rules: 77

(1) Emergency victim care; 78

(2) Reading and interpreting a trauma victim's vital 79  
signs; 80

(3) Triage protocols for adult and pediatric trauma 81  
victims; 82

(4) In-hospital training; 83

(5) Clinical training; 84

(6) Training as an ambulance driver; 85

(7) Identifying and interacting with individuals with 86  
dementia, as provided in the dementia-related training course 87  
developed under section 4765.162 of the Revised Code. 88

Each operator of a training program for emergency medical 89  
technicians-basic shall allow any pupil in the twelfth grade in 90  
a secondary school who is at least seventeen years old and who 91  
otherwise meets the requirements for admission into such a 92  
training program to be admitted to and complete the program and, 93  
as part of the training, to ride in an ambulance with emergency 94  
medical technicians-basic, emergency medical technicians- 95  
intermediate, and emergency medical technicians-paramedic. Each 96  
emergency medical service organization shall allow pupils 97  
participating in training programs to ride in an ambulance with 98  
emergency medical technicians-basic, advanced emergency medical 99

technicians-intermediate, and emergency medical technicians- 100  
paramedic. 101

(D) A training program for emergency medical technicians- 102  
intermediate shall meet the standards established in rules 103  
adopted by the board under section 4765.11 of the Revised Code. 104  
The program shall include, or require as a prerequisite, the 105  
training specified in division (C) of this section and courses 106  
in each of the following areas for at least the number of hours 107  
established by the board's rules: 108

(1) Recognizing symptoms of life-threatening allergic 109  
reactions and in calculating proper dosage levels and 110  
administering injections of epinephrine to persons who suffer 111  
life-threatening allergic reactions, conducted in accordance 112  
with rules adopted by the board under section 4765.11 of the 113  
Revised Code; 114

(2) Venous access procedures; 115

(3) Cardiac monitoring and electrical interventions to 116  
support or correct the cardiac function. 117

(E) A training program for emergency medical technicians- 118  
paramedic shall meet the standards established in rules adopted 119  
by the board under section 4765.11 of the Revised Code. The 120  
program shall include, or require as a prerequisite, the 121  
training specified in divisions (C) and (D) of this section and 122  
courses in each of the following areas for at least the number 123  
of hours established by the board's rules: 124

(1) Medical terminology; 125

(2) Venous access procedures; 126

(3) Airway procedures; 127

(4) Patient assessment and triage;	128
(5) Acute cardiac care, including administration of parenteral injections, electrical interventions, and other emergency medical services;	129 130 131
(6) Emergency and trauma victim care beyond that required under division (C) of this section;	132 133
(7) Clinical training beyond that required under division (C) of this section.	134 135
(F) A continuing education program for first responders, EMTs-basic, EMTs-I, or paramedics shall meet the standards established in rules adopted by the board under section 4765.11 of the Revised Code. A continuing education program shall include instruction and training in subjects established by the board's rules for at least the number of hours established by the board's rules. <u>A continuing education program also shall include instruction in 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>	136 137 138 139 140 141 142 143 144 145 146
<b><u>Sec. 4765.162.</u></b> (A) <u>As used in this section, "dementia"</u> <u>includes Alzheimer's disease or a related disorder.</u>	147 148
(B) <u>The state board of emergency medical, fire, and transportation services, in consultation with the departments of aging and job and family services, shall develop a dementia- related training course to be included in all emergency medical services training programs accredited under section 4765.15 of the Revised Code and all emergency medical services continuing education programs approved under that section.</u>	149 150 151 152 153 154 155
(C) <u>The board shall adopt rules under section 4765.11 of</u>	156

the Revised Code governing the dementia-related training course 157  
developed under this section. The rules shall specify both of 158  
the following: 159

(1) The amount of training, which shall be at least two 160  
hours of instruction, that is necessary for satisfactory 161  
completion of the dementia-related training course included in 162  
an emergency medical services training program; 163

(2) The amount of training, which shall be at least one 164  
hour of instruction, that is necessary for satisfactory 165  
completion of the dementia-related training course included in 166  
an emergency medical services continuing education program. 167

(D) The dementia-related training course developed under 168  
this section shall include instruction in all of the following: 169

(1) Identifying individuals with dementia, including 170  
psychiatric and behavioral symptoms of dementia and common 171  
medical emergencies experienced by individuals with dementia; 172

(2) Respectful and effective communication techniques for 173  
communicating with individuals with dementia and their 174  
caregivers; 175

(3) Techniques for addressing the behavioral symptoms of 176  
dementia during the administration of emergency medical 177  
treatment; 178

(4) Identifying and reporting incidents of abuse, neglect, 179  
and exploitation of individuals with dementia to the appropriate 180  
county department of job and family services in accordance with 181  
section 5101.63 of the Revised Code; 182

(5) Protocols for contacting caregivers when an individual 183  
with dementia is found wandering or during an emergency or 184

<u>crisis situation;</u>	185
<u>(6) Local resources available for individuals with</u>	186
<u>dementia;</u>	187
<u>(7) Local and national organizations that assist emergency</u>	188
<u>medical service personnel with locating missing and wandering</u>	189
<u>individuals with dementia and returning them to their</u>	190
<u>caregivers.</u>	191
<b>Section 2.</b> That existing section 4765.16 of the Revised	192
Code is hereby repealed.	193