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A BILL

To amend sections 4765.16 and 5503.01 and to enact
sections 109.7410 and 4765.162 of the Revised
Code to require emergency medical service
personnel and peace officers to undergo
dementia-related training and to increase the
maximum allowable age for new state highway
patrol troopers. 1

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

Section 1. That sections 4765.16 and 5503.01 be amended
and sections 109.7410 and 4765.162 of the Revised Code be
enacted to read as follows: 8

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

(B) The attorney general, in consultation with the 10

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departments of aging and job and family services, shall adopt, 14
in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code or pursuant 15
to section 109.74 of the Revised Code, rules governing the 16
training of peace officers in identifying and interacting with 17
individuals with dementia. The rules shall specify both of the 18
following: 19

(1) The amount of dementia-related training, which shall 20
be determined in accordance with guidance from the Ohio peace 21
officer training commission, if needed, that is necessary for 22
satisfactory completion of basic training programs at approved 23
peace officer training schools. The amount of dementia-related 24
training determined under division (B)(1) of this section shall 25
not exceed two hours. 26

(2) The amount of dementia-related training, which shall 27
be determined in accordance with guidance from the Ohio peace 28
officer training commission, if needed, that may be credited for 29
continuing professional training. The amount of dementia-related 30
training determined under division (B)(2) of this section shall 31
not exceed one hour. 32

(C) The dementia-related training required under this 33
section shall include instruction in all of the following: 34

(1) Identifying individuals with dementia, including 35
psychiatric and behavioral symptoms of dementia; 36

(2) Respectful and effective communication techniques for 37
communicating with individuals with dementia and their 38
caregivers; 39

(3) Techniques for addressing the behavioral symptoms of 40
dementia, including alternatives to physical restraint; 41

(4) Identifying and reporting incidents of abuse, neglect, 42

and exploitation of individuals with dementia to the appropriate 43
county department of job and family services in accordance with 44
section 5101.63 of the Revised Code; 45

(5) Protocols for contacting caregivers when an individual 46
with dementia is found wandering or during an emergency or 47
crisis situation; 48

(6) Local resources available for individuals with 49
dementia; 50

(7) Local and national organizations that assist peace 51
officers with locating missing and wandering individuals with 52
dementia and returning them to their caregivers. 53

Sec. 4765.16. (A) All courses offered through an emergency 54
medical services training program or an emergency medical 55
services continuing education program, other than an ambulance 56
driving course and the dementia-related training course 57
developed under section 4765.162 of the Revised Code, shall be 58
developed under the direction of a physician who specializes in 59
emergency medicine. Each course that deals with trauma care 60
shall be developed in consultation with a physician who 61
specializes in trauma surgery. ~~Except~~ 62

Except as specified by the state board of emergency 63
medical, fire, and transportation services pursuant to rules 64
adopted under section 4765.11 of the Revised Code, each course 65
offered through a training program or continuing education 66
program shall be taught by a person who holds the appropriate 67
certificate to teach issued under section 4765.23 of the Revised 68
Code. 69

(B) A training program for first responders shall meet the 70
standards established in rules adopted by the board under 71

section 4765.11 of the Revised Code. The program shall include 72
courses in ~~both~~each of the following areas for at least the 73
number of hours established by the board's rules: 74

(1) Emergency victim care; 75

(2) Reading and interpreting a trauma victim's vital 76
signs; 77

(3) Identifying and interacting with individuals with 78
dementia, as provided in the dementia-related training course 79
developed under section 4765.162 of the Revised Code. 80

(C) A training program for emergency medical technicians- 81
basic shall meet the standards established in rules adopted by 82
the board under section 4765.11 of the Revised Code. The program 83
shall include courses in each of the following areas for at 84
least the number of hours established by the board's rules: 85

(1) Emergency victim care; 86

(2) Reading and interpreting a trauma victim's vital 87
signs; 88

(3) Triage protocols for adult and pediatric trauma 89
victims; 90

(4) In-hospital training; 91

(5) Clinical training; 92

(6) Training as an ambulance driver; 93

(7) Identifying and interacting with individuals with 94
dementia, as provided in the dementia-related training course 95
developed under section 4765.162 of the Revised Code. 96

Each operator of a training program for emergency medical 97
technicians-basic shall allow any pupil in the twelfth grade in 98

a secondary school who is at least seventeen years old and who 99
otherwise meets the requirements for admission into such a 100
training program to be admitted to and complete the program and, 101
as part of the training, to ride in an ambulance with emergency 102
medical technicians-basic, emergency medical technicians- 103
intermediate, and emergency medical technicians-paramedic. Each 104
emergency medical service organization shall allow pupils 105
participating in training programs to ride in an ambulance with 106
emergency medical technicians-basic, advanced emergency medical 107
technicians-intermediate, and emergency medical technicians- 108
paramedic. 109

(D) A training program for emergency medical technicians- 110
intermediate shall meet the standards established in rules 111
adopted by the board under section 4765.11 of the Revised Code. 112
The program shall include, or require as a prerequisite, the 113
training specified in division (C) of this section and courses 114
in each of the following areas for at least the number of hours 115
established by the board's rules: 116

(1) Recognizing symptoms of life-threatening allergic 117
reactions and in calculating proper dosage levels and 118
administering injections of epinephrine to persons who suffer 119
life-threatening allergic reactions, conducted in accordance 120
with rules adopted by the board under section 4765.11 of the 121
Revised Code; 122

(2) Venous access procedures; 123

(3) Cardiac monitoring and electrical interventions to 124
support or correct the cardiac function. 125

(E) A training program for emergency medical technicians- 126
paramedic shall meet the standards established in rules adopted 127

by the board under section 4765.11 of the Revised Code. The 128
program shall include, or require as a prerequisite, the 129
training specified in divisions (C) and (D) of this section and 130
courses in each of the following areas for at least the number 131
of hours established by the board's rules: 132

(1) Medical terminology; 133

(2) Venous access procedures; 134

(3) Airway procedures; 135

(4) Patient assessment and triage; 136

(5) Acute cardiac care, including administration of 137
parenteral injections, electrical interventions, and other 138
emergency medical services; 139

(6) Emergency and trauma victim care beyond that required 140
under division (C) of this section; 141

(7) Clinical training beyond that required under division 142
(C) of this section. 143

(F) A continuing education program for first responders, 144
EMTs-basic, EMTs-I, or paramedics shall meet the standards 145
established in rules adopted by the board under section 4765.11 146
of the Revised Code. A continuing education program shall 147
include instruction and training in subjects established by the 148
board's rules for at least the number of hours established by 149
the board's rules. A continuing education program also shall 150
include instruction in identifying and interacting with 151
individuals with dementia, as provided in the dementia-related 152
training course developed under section 4765.162 of the Revised 153
Code. 154

Sec. 4765.162. (A) As used in this section, "dementia" 155

includes Alzheimer's disease or a related disorder. 156

(B) The state board of emergency medical, fire, and 157
transportation services, in consultation with the departments of 158
aging and job and family services, shall develop a dementia- 159
related training course to be included in all emergency medical 160
services training programs accredited under section 4765.15 of 161
the Revised Code and all emergency medical services continuing 162
education programs approved under that section. 163

(C) The board shall adopt rules under section 4765.11 of 164
the Revised Code governing the dementia-related training course 165
developed under this section. The rules shall specify both of 166
the following: 167

(1) The amount of training, which shall be at least two 168
hours of instruction, that is necessary for satisfactory 169
completion of the dementia-related training course included in 170
an emergency medical services training program; 171

(2) The amount of training, which shall be at least one 172
hour of instruction, that is necessary for satisfactory 173
completion of the dementia-related training course included in 174
an emergency medical services continuing education program. 175

(D) The dementia-related training course developed under 176
this section shall include instruction in all of the following: 177

(1) Identifying individuals with dementia, including 178
psychiatric and behavioral symptoms of dementia and common 179
medical emergencies experienced by individuals with dementia; 180

(2) Respectful and effective communication techniques for 181
communicating with individuals with dementia and their 182
caregivers; 183

(3) Techniques for addressing the behavioral symptoms of 184
dementia during the administration of emergency medical 185
treatment; 186

(4) Identifying and reporting incidents of abuse, neglect, 187
and exploitation of individuals with dementia to the appropriate 188
county department of job and family services in accordance with 189
section 5101.63 of the Revised Code; 190

(5) Protocols for contacting caregivers when an individual 191
with dementia is found wandering or during an emergency or 192
crisis situation; 193

(6) Local resources available for individuals with 194
dementia; 195

(7) Local and national organizations that assist emergency 196
medical service personnel with locating missing and wandering 197
individuals with dementia and returning them to their 198
caregivers. 199

Sec. 5503.01. There is hereby created in the department of 200
public safety a division of state highway patrol which shall be 201
administered by a superintendent of the state highway patrol. 202

The superintendent shall be appointed by the director of 203
public safety, and shall serve at the director's pleasure. The 204
superintendent shall hold the rank of colonel and be appointed 205
from within the eligible ranks of the patrol. The superintendent 206
shall give bond for the faithful performance of the 207
superintendent's official duties in such amount and with such 208
security as the director approves. 209

The superintendent, with the approval of the director, may 210
appoint any number of state highway patrol troopers and radio 211
operators as are necessary to carry out sections 5503.01 to 212

5503.06 of the Revised Code, but the number of troopers shall 213
not be less than eight hundred eighty. The number of radio 214
operators shall not exceed eighty in number. Except as provided 215
in this section, at the time of appointment, troopers shall be 216
not less than twenty-one years of age, nor have reached ~~thirty-~~ 217
~~five-~~ forty years of age. A person who is attending a training 218
school for prospective state highway patrol troopers established 219
under section 5503.05 of the Revised Code and attains the age of 220
~~thirty-five-~~ forty years during the person's period of attendance 221
at that training school shall not be disqualified as over age 222
and shall be permitted to continue to attend the training school 223
as long as the person otherwise is eligible to do so. Such a 224
person also remains eligible to be appointed a trooper. Any 225
other person who attains or will attain the age of ~~thirty-five-~~ 226
forty years prior to the time of appointment shall be 227
disqualified as over age. 228

At the time of appointment, troopers shall have been legal 229
residents of Ohio for at least one year, except that this 230
residence requirement may be waived by the superintendent. 231

If any state highway patrol troopers become disabled 232
through accident or illness, the superintendent, with the 233
approval of the director, shall fill any vacancies through the 234
appointment of other troopers from a qualified list to serve 235
during the period of the disability. 236

The superintendent and state highway patrol troopers shall 237
be vested with the authority of peace officers for the purpose 238
of enforcing the laws of the state that it is the duty of the 239
patrol to enforce and may arrest, without warrant, any person 240
who, in the presence of the superintendent or any trooper, is 241
engaged in the violation of any such laws. The state highway 242

patrol troopers shall never be used as peace officers in 243
connection with any strike or labor dispute. 244

Each state highway patrol trooper and radio operator, upon 245
appointment and before entering upon official duties, shall take 246
an oath of office for faithful performance of the trooper's or 247
radio operator's official duties and execute a bond in the sum 248
of twenty-five hundred dollars, payable to the state and for the 249
use and benefit of any aggrieved party who may have a cause of 250
action against any trooper or radio operator for misconduct 251
while in the performance of official duties. In no event shall 252
the bond include any claim arising out of negligent operation of 253
a motorcycle or motor vehicle used by a trooper or radio 254
operator in the performance of official duties. 255

The superintendent shall prescribe a distinguishing 256
uniform and badge which shall be worn by each state highway 257
patrol trooper and radio operator while on duty, unless 258
otherwise designated by the superintendent. No person shall wear 259
the distinguishing uniform of the state highway patrol or the 260
badge or any distinctive part of that uniform, except on order 261
of the superintendent. 262

The superintendent, with the approval of the director, may 263
appoint necessary clerks, stenographers, and employees. 264

Section 2. That existing sections 4765.16 and 5503.01 of 265
the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 266