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A BILL

To amend sections 109.71, 109.73, 109.75, 109.79, 1
109.801, and 2923.126 and to enact sections 2
109.7481 and 109.774 of the Revised Code to 3
provide firearms training for fire 4
investigators; to permit such an investigator 5
who has received that training and has been 6
specifically authorized to carry firearms while 7
on duty; to grant such an investigator the same 8
right to carry a concealed handgun in this state 9
as a concealed handgun licensee; and to amend 10
the version of section 109.73 of the Revised 11
Code that is scheduled to take effect on 12
December 29, 2023, to continue the change on and 13
after that date. 14

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

Section 1. That sections 109.71, 109.73, 109.75, 109.79, 15
109.801, and 2923.126 be amended and sections 109.7481 and 16
109.774 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows: 17

Sec. 109.71. There is hereby created in the office of the attorney general the Ohio peace officer training commission. The commission shall consist of ten members appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate and selected as follows: one member representing the public; one member who represents a fraternal organization representing law enforcement officers; two members who are incumbent sheriffs; two members who are incumbent chiefs of police; one member from the bureau of criminal identification and investigation; one member from the state highway patrol; one member who is the special agent in charge of a field office of the federal bureau of investigation in this state; and one member from the department of education, trade and industrial education services, law enforcement training.

This section does not confer any arrest authority or any ability or authority to detain a person, write or issue any citation, or provide any disposition alternative, as granted under Chapter 2935. of the Revised Code.

Pursuant to division (A) (9) of section 101.82 of the Revised Code, the commission is exempt from the requirements of sections 101.82 to 101.87 of the Revised Code.

As used in sections 109.71 to 109.801 of the Revised Code:

(A) "Peace officer" means:

(1) A deputy sheriff, marshal, deputy marshal, member of the organized police department of a township or municipal corporation, member of a township police district or joint police district police force, member of a police force employed by a metropolitan housing authority under division (D) of section 3735.31 of the Revised Code, or township constable, who

is commissioned and employed as a peace officer by a political 47
subdivision of this state or by a metropolitan housing 48
authority, and whose primary duties are to preserve the peace, 49
to protect life and property, and to enforce the laws of this 50
state, ordinances of a municipal corporation, resolutions of a 51
township, or regulations of a board of county commissioners or 52
board of township trustees, or any of those laws, ordinances, 53
resolutions, or regulations; 54

(2) A police officer who is employed by a railroad company 55
and appointed and commissioned by the secretary of state 56
pursuant to sections 4973.17 to 4973.22 of the Revised Code; 57

(3) Employees of the department of taxation engaged in the 58
enforcement of Chapter 5743. of the Revised Code and designated 59
by the tax commissioner for peace officer training for purposes 60
of the delegation of investigation powers under section 5743.45 61
of the Revised Code; 62

(4) An undercover drug agent; 63

(5) Enforcement agents of the department of public safety 64
whom the director of public safety designates under section 65
5502.14 of the Revised Code; 66

(6) An employee of the department of natural resources who 67
is a natural resources law enforcement staff officer designated 68
pursuant to section 1501.013, a natural resources officer 69
appointed pursuant to section 1501.24, a forest-fire 70
investigator appointed pursuant to section 1503.09, or a 71
wildlife officer designated pursuant to section 1531.13 of the 72
Revised Code; 73

(7) An employee of a park district who is designated 74
pursuant to section 511.232 or 1545.13 of the Revised Code; 75

(8) An employee of a conservancy district who is	76
designated pursuant to section 6101.75 of the Revised Code;	77
(9) A police officer who is employed by a hospital that	78
employs and maintains its own proprietary police department or	79
security department, and who is appointed and commissioned by	80
the secretary of state pursuant to sections 4973.17 to 4973.22	81
of the Revised Code;	82
(10) Veterans' homes police officers designated under	83
section 5907.02 of the Revised Code;	84
(11) A police officer who is employed by a qualified	85
nonprofit corporation police department pursuant to section	86
1702.80 of the Revised Code;	87
(12) A state university law enforcement officer appointed	88
under section 3345.04 of the Revised Code or a person serving as	89
a state university law enforcement officer on a permanent basis	90
on June 19, 1978, who has been awarded a certificate by the	91
executive director of the Ohio peace officer training commission	92
attesting to the person's satisfactory completion of an approved	93
state, county, municipal, or department of natural resources	94
peace officer basic training program;	95
(13) A special police officer employed by the department	96
of mental health and addiction services pursuant to section	97
5119.08 of the Revised Code or the department of developmental	98
disabilities pursuant to section 5123.13 of the Revised Code;	99
(14) A member of a campus police department appointed	100
under section 1713.50 of the Revised Code;	101
(15) A member of a police force employed by a regional	102
transit authority under division (Y) of section 306.35 of the	103
Revised Code;	104

(16) Investigators appointed by the auditor of state 105
pursuant to section 117.091 of the Revised Code and engaged in 106
the enforcement of Chapter 117. of the Revised Code; 107

(17) A special police officer designated by the 108
superintendent of the state highway patrol pursuant to section 109
5503.09 of the Revised Code or a person who was serving as a 110
special police officer pursuant to that section on a permanent 111
basis on October 21, 1997, and who has been awarded a 112
certificate by the executive director of the Ohio peace officer 113
training commission attesting to the person's satisfactory 114
completion of an approved state, county, municipal, or 115
department of natural resources peace officer basic training 116
program; 117

(18) A special police officer employed by a port authority 118
under section 4582.04 or 4582.28 of the Revised Code or a person 119
serving as a special police officer employed by a port authority 120
on a permanent basis on May 17, 2000, who has been awarded a 121
certificate by the executive director of the Ohio peace officer 122
training commission attesting to the person's satisfactory 123
completion of an approved state, county, municipal, or 124
department of natural resources peace officer basic training 125
program; 126

(19) A special police officer employed by a municipal 127
corporation who has been awarded a certificate by the executive 128
director of the Ohio peace officer training commission for 129
satisfactory completion of an approved peace officer basic 130
training program and who is employed on a permanent basis on or 131
after March 19, 2003, at a municipal airport, or other municipal 132
air navigation facility, that has scheduled operations, as 133
defined in section 119.3 of Title 14 of the Code of Federal 134

Regulations, 14 C.F.R. 119.3, as amended, and that is required 135
to be under a security program and is governed by aviation 136
security rules of the transportation security administration of 137
the United States department of transportation as provided in 138
Parts 1542. and 1544. of Title 49 of the Code of Federal 139
Regulations, as amended; 140

(20) A police officer who is employed by an owner or 141
operator of an amusement park that has an average yearly 142
attendance in excess of six hundred thousand guests and that 143
employs and maintains its own proprietary police department or 144
security department, and who is appointed and commissioned by a 145
judge of the appropriate municipal court or county court 146
pursuant to section 4973.17 of the Revised Code; 147

(21) A police officer who is employed by a bank, savings 148
and loan association, savings bank, credit union, or association 149
of banks, savings and loan associations, savings banks, or 150
credit unions, who has been appointed and commissioned by the 151
secretary of state pursuant to sections 4973.17 to 4973.22 of 152
the Revised Code, and who has been awarded a certificate by the 153
executive director of the Ohio peace officer training commission 154
attesting to the person's satisfactory completion of a state, 155
county, municipal, or department of natural resources peace 156
officer basic training program; 157

(22) An investigator, as defined in section 109.541 of the 158
Revised Code, of the bureau of criminal identification and 159
investigation who is commissioned by the superintendent of the 160
bureau as a special agent for the purpose of assisting law 161
enforcement officers or providing emergency assistance to peace 162
officers pursuant to authority granted under that section; 163

(23) A state fire marshal law enforcement officer 164

appointed under section 3737.22 of the Revised Code or a person 165
serving as a state fire marshal law enforcement officer on a 166
permanent basis on or after July 1, 1982, who has been awarded a 167
certificate by the executive director of the Ohio peace officer 168
training commission attesting to the person's satisfactory 169
completion of an approved state, county, municipal, or 170
department of natural resources peace officer basic training 171
program; 172

(24) A gaming agent employed under section 3772.03 of the 173
Revised Code; 174

(25) An employee of the state board of pharmacy designated 175
by the executive director of the board pursuant to section 176
4729.04 of the Revised Code to investigate violations of 177
Chapters 2925., 3715., 3719., 3796., 4729., and 4752. of the 178
Revised Code and rules adopted thereunder. 179

(B) "Undercover drug agent" has the same meaning as in 180
division (B) (2) of section 109.79 of the Revised Code. 181

(C) "Crisis intervention training" means training in the 182
use of interpersonal and communication skills to most 183
effectively and sensitively interview victims of rape. 184

(D) "Missing children" has the same meaning as in section 185
2901.30 of the Revised Code. 186

(E) "Tactical medical professional" means an EMT, EMT- 187
basic, AEMT, EMT-I, paramedic, nurse, or physician who is 188
trained and certified in a nationally recognized tactical 189
medical training program that is equivalent to "tactical combat 190
casualty care" (TCCC) and "tactical emergency medical support" 191
(TEMS) and who functions in the tactical or austere environment 192
while attached to a law enforcement agency of either this state 193

or a political subdivision of this state.	194
(F) "EMT-basic," "EMT-I," and "paramedic" have the same	195
meanings as in section 4765.01 of the Revised Code and "EMT" and	196
"AEMT" have the same meanings as in section 4765.011 of the	197
Revised Code.	198
(G) "Nurse" means any of the following:	199
(1) Any person who is licensed to practice nursing as a	200
registered nurse by the board of nursing;	201
(2) Any certified nurse practitioner, clinical nurse	202
specialist, certified registered nurse anesthetist, or certified	203
nurse-midwife who holds a certificate of authority issued by the	204
board of nursing under Chapter 4723. of the Revised Code;	205
(3) Any person who is licensed to practice nursing as a	206
licensed practical nurse by the board of nursing pursuant to	207
Chapter 4723. of the Revised Code.	208
(H) "Physician" means a person who is licensed pursuant to	209
Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code to practice medicine and	210
surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery.	211
(I) "County correctional officer" has the same meaning as	212
in section 341.41 of the Revised Code.	213
<u>(J) (1) "Fire investigator" means an employee of a fire</u>	214
<u>department charged with investigating fires and explosions who</u>	215
<u>has been authorized, in accordance with sections 737.27 and</u>	216
<u>3737.24 of the Revised Code, to perform the duties of</u>	217
<u>investigating the origin and cause of fires and explosions using</u>	218
<u>the scientific method to investigate elements of the event</u>	219
<u>including the circumstances, actions, persons, means, and</u>	220
<u>motives that resulted in the fire or explosion or the report of</u>	221

a fire or explosion within this state. 222

(2) "Fire investigator" does not include a person who is 223
acting as a fire investigator on behalf of an insurance company 224
or any other privately owned or operated enterprise. 225

(K) "Fire department" means a fire department of the state 226
or an instrumentality of the state or of a municipal 227
corporation, township, joint fire district, or other political 228
subdivision. 229

Sec. 109.73. (A) The Ohio peace officer training 230
commission shall recommend rules to the attorney general with 231
respect to all of the following: 232

(1) The approval, or revocation of approval, of peace 233
officer training schools administered by the state, counties, 234
municipal corporations, public school districts, technical 235
college districts, and the department of natural resources; 236

(2) Minimum courses of study, attendance requirements, and 237
equipment and facilities to be required at approved state, 238
county, municipal, and department of natural resources peace 239
officer training schools; 240

(3) Minimum qualifications for instructors at approved 241
state, county, municipal, and department of natural resources 242
peace officer training schools; 243

(4) The requirements of minimum basic training that peace 244
officers appointed to probationary terms shall complete before 245
being eligible for permanent appointment, which requirements 246
shall include training in the handling of the offense of 247
domestic violence, other types of domestic violence-related 248
offenses and incidents, and protection orders and consent 249
agreements issued or approved under section 2919.26 or 3113.31 250

of the Revised Code; crisis intervention training; and training 251
in the handling of missing children and child abuse and neglect 252
cases; and training in handling violations of section 2905.32 of 253
the Revised Code; and the time within which such basic training 254
shall be completed following appointment to a probationary term; 255

(5) The requirements of minimum basic training that peace 256
officers not appointed for probationary terms but appointed on 257
other than a permanent basis shall complete in order to be 258
eligible for continued employment or permanent appointment, 259
which requirements shall include training in the handling of the 260
offense of domestic violence, other types of domestic violence- 261
related offenses and incidents, and protection orders and 262
consent agreements issued or approved under section 2919.26 or 263
3113.31 of the Revised Code, crisis intervention training, and 264
training in the handling of missing children and child abuse and 265
neglect cases, and training in handling violations of section 266
2905.32 of the Revised Code, and the time within which such 267
basic training shall be completed following appointment on other 268
than a permanent basis; 269

(6) Categories or classifications of advanced in-service 270
training programs for peace officers, including programs in the 271
handling of the offense of domestic violence, other types of 272
domestic violence-related offenses and incidents, and protection 273
orders and consent agreements issued or approved under section 274
2919.26 or 3113.31 of the Revised Code, in crisis intervention, 275
and in the handling of missing children and child abuse and 276
neglect cases, and in handling violations of section 2905.32 of 277
the Revised Code, and minimum courses of study and attendance 278
requirements with respect to such categories or classifications; 279

(7) Permitting persons, who are employed as members of a 280

campus police department appointed under section 1713.50 of the Revised Code; who are employed as police officers by a qualified nonprofit corporation police department pursuant to section 1702.80 of the Revised Code; who are appointed and commissioned as bank, savings and loan association, savings bank, credit union, or association of banks, savings and loan associations, savings banks, or credit unions police officers, as railroad police officers, or as hospital police officers pursuant to sections 4973.17 to 4973.22 of the Revised Code; or who are appointed and commissioned as amusement park police officers pursuant to section 4973.17 of the Revised Code, to attend approved peace officer training schools, including the Ohio peace officer training academy, and to receive certificates of satisfactory completion of basic training programs, if the private college or university that established the campus police department; qualified nonprofit corporation police department; bank, savings and loan association, savings bank, credit union, or association of banks, savings and loan associations, savings banks, or credit unions; railroad company; hospital; or amusement park sponsoring the police officers pays the entire cost of the training and certification and if trainee vacancies are available;

(8) Permitting undercover drug agents to attend approved peace officer training schools, other than the Ohio peace officer training academy, and to receive certificates of satisfactory completion of basic training programs, if, for each undercover drug agent, the county, township, or municipal corporation that employs that undercover drug agent pays the entire cost of the training and certification;

(9) (a) The requirements for basic training programs for bailiffs and deputy bailiffs of courts of record of this state

and for criminal investigators employed by the state public 312
defender that those persons shall complete before they may carry 313
a firearm while on duty; 314

(b) The requirements for any training received by a 315
bailiff or deputy bailiff of a court of record of this state or 316
by a criminal investigator employed by the state public defender 317
prior to June 6, 1986, that is to be considered equivalent to 318
the training described in division (A) (9) (a) of this section. 319

(10) Establishing minimum qualifications and requirements 320
for certification for dogs utilized by law enforcement agencies; 321

(11) Establishing minimum requirements for certification 322
of persons who are employed as correction officers in a full- 323
service jail, five-day facility, or eight-hour holding facility 324
or who provide correction services in such a jail or facility; 325

(12) Establishing requirements for the training of humane 326
society agents under section 1717.061 of the Revised Code, 327
including, without limitation, a requirement that the agents 328
receive instruction on traditional animal husbandry methods and 329
training techniques, including customary owner-performed 330
practices; 331

(13) Permitting tactical medical professionals to attend 332
approved peace officer training schools, including the Ohio 333
peace officer training academy, to receive training of the type 334
described in division (A) (14) of this section and to receive 335
certificates of satisfactory completion of training programs 336
described in that division; 337

(14) The requirements for training programs that tactical 338
medical professionals shall complete to qualify them to carry 339
firearms while on duty under section 109.771 of the Revised 340

Code, which requirements shall include at least the firearms 341
training specified in division (A) of section 109.748 of the 342
Revised Code; 343

(15) Procedures and requirements for a portion of basic 344
training that peace officers complete in proper interactions 345
with civilians during traffic stops and other in-person 346
encounters as specified in division (B)(4) of section 109.803 of 347
the Revised Code and including the topics of instruction listed 348
for active duty peace officers under divisions (B)(4)(a) to (d) 349
of that section; 350

(16) Permitting county correctional officers to attend 351
approved peace officer training schools, including the Ohio 352
peace officer training academy, to receive training of the type 353
described in division (A)(17) of this section, and to receive 354
certificates of satisfactory completion of basic training 355
programs described in that division; 356

(17) The requirements for basic training programs that 357
county correctional officers shall complete to qualify them to 358
carry firearms while on duty under section 109.772 of the 359
Revised Code, which requirements shall include the firearms 360
training specified in section 109.773 of the Revised Code; 361

(18) Permitting fire investigators to attend approved 362
peace officer training schools, including the Ohio peace officer 363
training academy, to receive training of the type described in 364
division (A)(19) of this section, and to receive certificates of 365
satisfactory completion of training programs described in that 366
division; 367

(19) The requirements for training programs that fire 368
investigators shall complete to qualify them to carry firearms 369

while on duty under section 109.774 of the Revised Code, which 370
requirements shall include at least the firearms training 371
specified in division (A) of section 109.7481 of the Revised 372
Code. 373

(B) The commission shall appoint an executive director, 374
with the approval of the attorney general, who shall hold office 375
during the pleasure of the commission. The executive director 376
shall perform such duties assigned by the commission. The 377
executive director shall receive a salary fixed pursuant to 378
Chapter 124. of the Revised Code and reimbursement for expenses 379
within the amounts available by appropriation. The executive 380
director may appoint officers, employees, agents, and 381
consultants as the executive director considers necessary, 382
prescribe their duties, and provide for reimbursement of their 383
expenses within the amounts available for reimbursement by 384
appropriation and with the approval of the commission. 385

(C) The commission may do all of the following: 386

(1) Recommend studies, surveys, and reports to be made by 387
the executive director regarding the carrying out of the 388
objectives and purposes of sections 109.71 to 109.77 of the 389
Revised Code; 390

(2) Visit and inspect any peace officer training school 391
that has been approved by the executive director or for which 392
application for approval has been made; 393

(3) Make recommendations, from time to time, to the 394
executive director, the attorney general, and the general 395
assembly regarding the carrying out of the purposes of sections 396
109.71 to 109.77 of the Revised Code; 397

(4) Report to the attorney general from time to time, and 398

to the governor and the general assembly at least annually, 399
concerning the activities of the commission; 400

(5) Establish fees for the services the commission offers 401
under sections 109.71 to 109.79 of the Revised Code, including, 402
but not limited to, fees for training, certification, and 403
testing; 404

(6) Perform such other acts as are necessary or 405
appropriate to carry out the powers and duties of the commission 406
as set forth in sections 109.71 to 109.77 of the Revised Code. 407

(D) In establishing the requirements, under division (A) 408
(12) of this section, the commission may consider any portions 409
of the curriculum for instruction on the topic of animal 410
husbandry practices, if any, of the Ohio state university 411
college of veterinary medicine. No person or entity that fails 412
to provide instruction on traditional animal husbandry methods 413
and training techniques, including customary owner-performed 414
practices, shall qualify to train a humane society agent for 415
appointment under section 1717.06 of the Revised Code. 416

Sec. 109.7481. The attorney general shall adopt, in 417
accordance with Chapter 119. or pursuant to section 109.74 of 418
the Revised Code, the following rules: 419

(A) Rules governing the training of fire investigators to 420
qualify them to carry firearms while on duty under section 421
109.774 of the Revised Code. The rules shall specify the amount 422
of training necessary for the satisfactory completion of 423
training programs at approved peace officer training schools, 424
other than the Ohio peace officer training academy. The rules 425
shall include all of the following: 426

(1) For all such investigators, a requirement that the 427

investigator shall receive firearms training through a program 428
approved by the Ohio peace officer training commission and 429
training in any additional subjects deemed necessary by the Ohio 430
peace officer training commission; 431

(2) For such investigators seeking certification to carry 432
a rifle or carbine, a requirement that, in addition to the 433
training described in division (A)(1) of this section, the 434
investigator shall receive training with respect to the carrying 435
and use of rifles and carbines through a program approved by the 436
Ohio peace officer training commission. 437

(B) Rules authorizing and governing the attendance of fire 438
investigators at approved peace officer training schools, 439
including the Ohio peace officer training academy, to receive 440
training to qualify them to carry firearms while on duty under 441
section 109.774 of the Revised Code, and the certification of 442
the investigators upon their satisfactory completion of training 443
programs providing that training. 444

Sec. 109.75. The executive director of the Ohio peace 445
officer training commission, on behalf of the commission, shall 446
have the following powers and duties, which shall be exercised 447
with the general advice of the commission and only in accordance 448
with section 109.751 of the Revised Code and the rules adopted 449
pursuant to that section, and with the rules adopted by the 450
attorney general pursuant to sections 109.74, 109.741, 109.742, 451
and 109.743 of the Revised Code: 452

(A) To approve peace officer training schools and firearms 453
requalification programs administered by the state, counties, 454
municipal corporations, and the department of natural resources, 455
to issue certificates of approval to approved schools, and to 456
revoke an approval or certificate; 457

(B) To certify, as qualified, instructors at approved peace officer training schools, to issue appropriate certificates to these instructors, and to revoke for good cause shown certificates of these instructors;

(C) To certify, as qualified, commanders at approved peace officer training schools, to issue appropriate certificates to these commanders, and to revoke for good cause shown certificates of these commanders. As used in this division, "commander" means the director or other head of an approved peace officer training school.

(D) To certify peace officers and sheriffs who have satisfactorily completed basic training programs and to issue appropriate certificates to these peace officers and sheriffs;

(E) To cause studies and surveys to be made relating to the establishment, operation, and approval of state, county, and municipal peace officer training schools;

(F) To consult and cooperate with state, county, and municipal peace officer training schools for the development of advanced in-service training programs for peace officers;

(G) To consult and cooperate with universities, colleges, and institutes for the development of specialized courses of study in the state for peace officers in police science and police administration;

(H) To consult and cooperate with other departments and agencies of the state and federal government concerned with peace officer training;

(I) To perform any other acts that may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the executive director's powers and duties as set forth in sections 109.71 to 109.77 of the Revised

Code;	487
(J) To report to the commission at each regular meeting of the commission and at any other times that the commission may require;	488 489 490
(K) To certify persons who have satisfactorily completed approved training programs for correction officers in full-service jails, five-day facilities, or eight-hour holding facilities or approved training programs for others who provide correction services in those jails or facilities and to issue appropriate certificates to those persons;	491 492 493 494 495 496
(L) To maintain any records associated with the powers and duties set forth in this section. Certification examinations, either before or after completion, are not public records for purposes of section 149.43 of the Revised Code, but the results of such examinations are public records under that section;	497 498 499 500 501
(M) To certify tactical medical professionals who have satisfactorily completed approved training programs that qualify them to carry firearms while on duty under section 109.771 of the Revised Code and to issue appropriate certificates to such professionals;	502 503 504 505 506
(N) To certify county correctional officers who have satisfactorily completed approved basic training programs that qualify them to carry firearms while on duty under section 109.772 of the Revised Code and to issue appropriate certificates to such county correctional officers;	507 508 509 510 511
<u>(O) To certify fire investigators who have satisfactorily completed approved training programs that qualify them to carry firearms while on duty under section 109.774 of the Revised Code and to issue appropriate certificates to such investigators.</u>	512 513 514 515

<u>Sec. 109.774. (A) A fire investigator may carry firearms</u>	516
<u>while on duty if all of the following apply:</u>	517
<u>(1) The state fire marshal, if the fire investigator is</u>	518
<u>employed by the state; the legislative authority of the</u>	519
<u>municipal corporation served by a fire department, if the fire</u>	520
<u>investigator is employed by a municipal fire department; or the</u>	521
<u>chief of the fire department of the township, the chief of the</u>	522
<u>fire department of the joint fire district, or the fire</u>	523
<u>prevention officer in a township or village where no fire</u>	524
<u>department is established that the fire investigator is serving</u>	525
<u>has specifically authorized the investigator to carry firearms</u>	526
<u>while on duty.</u>	527
<u>(2) The fire investigator has done or received one of the</u>	528
<u>following:</u>	529
<u>(a) The investigator has been awarded a certificate by the</u>	530
<u>executive director of the Ohio peace officer training</u>	531
<u>commission, which certificate attests to satisfactory completion</u>	532
<u>of an approved state, county, or municipal basic training</u>	533
<u>program or a program at the Ohio peace officer training academy</u>	534
<u>that qualifies the investigator to carry firearms while on duty</u>	535
<u>and that conforms to the rules adopted under section 109.7481 of</u>	536
<u>the Revised Code.</u>	537
<u>(b) Prior to or during employment as a fire investigator</u>	538
<u>and prior to the effective date of this section, the</u>	539
<u>investigator has successfully completed a firearms training</u>	540
<u>program, other than one described in division (A) (2) (a) of this</u>	541
<u>section, that was approved by the Ohio peace officer training</u>	542
<u>commission.</u>	543
<u>(B) A fire investigator to whom division (A) of this</u>	544

section applies and who is carrying one or more firearms under 545
authority of that division has protection from potential civil 546
or criminal liability for any conduct occurring while carrying 547
the firearm or firearms to the same extent as a law enforcement 548
officer of a law enforcement agency has such protection. 549

Sec. 109.79. (A) The Ohio peace officer training 550
commission shall establish and conduct a training school for law 551
enforcement officers of any political subdivision of the state 552
or of the state public defender's office. The school shall be 553
known as the Ohio peace officer training academy. No bailiff or 554
deputy bailiff of a court of record of this state and no 555
criminal investigator employed by the state public defender 556
shall be permitted to attend the academy for training unless the 557
employing court of the bailiff or deputy bailiff or the state 558
public defender, whichever is applicable, has authorized the 559
bailiff, deputy bailiff, or investigator to attend the academy. 560

The Ohio peace officer training commission shall develop 561
the training program, which shall include courses in both the 562
civil and criminal functions of law enforcement officers, a 563
course in crisis intervention with six or more hours of 564
training, training in the handling of missing children and child 565
abuse and neglect cases, and training on companion animal 566
encounters and companion animal behavior, and shall establish 567
rules governing qualifications for admission to the academy. The 568
commission may require competitive examinations to determine 569
fitness of prospective trainees, so long as the examinations or 570
other criteria for admission to the academy are consistent with 571
the provisions of Chapter 124. of the Revised Code. 572

The Ohio peace officer training commission shall determine 573
tuition costs sufficient in the aggregate to pay the costs of 574

operating the academy. Tuition paid by a political subdivision 575
of the state or by the state public defender's office shall be 576
deposited into the state treasury to the credit of the peace 577
officer training academy fee fund, which is hereby established. 578
The attorney general shall use money in the fund to pay costs 579
associated with operation of the academy. The costs of acquiring 580
and equipping the academy shall be paid from appropriations made 581
by the general assembly to the Ohio peace officer training 582
commission for that purpose, from gifts or grants received for 583
that purpose, or from fees for goods related to the academy. 584

The Ohio peace officer training commission shall create a 585
gaming-related curriculum for gaming agents. The Ohio peace 586
officer training commission shall use money distributed to the 587
Ohio peace officer training academy from the Ohio law 588
enforcement training fund to first support the academy's 589
training programs for gaming agents and gaming-related 590
curriculum. The Ohio peace officer training commission may 591
utilize existing training programs in other states that 592
specialize in training gaming agents. 593

The law enforcement officers, during the period of their 594
training, shall receive compensation as determined by the 595
political subdivision that sponsors them or, if the officer is a 596
criminal investigator employed by the state public defender, as 597
determined by the state public defender. The political 598
subdivision may pay the tuition costs of the law enforcement 599
officers they sponsor and the state public defender may pay the 600
tuition costs of criminal investigators of that office who 601
attend the academy. 602

If trainee vacancies exist, the academy may train and 603
issue certificates of satisfactory completion to peace officers 604

who are employed by a campus police department pursuant to 605
section 1713.50 of the Revised Code, by a qualified nonprofit 606
corporation police department pursuant to section 1702.80 of the 607
Revised Code, or by a railroad company, who are amusement park 608
police officers appointed and commissioned by a judge of the 609
appropriate municipal court or county court pursuant to section 610
4973.17 of the Revised Code, or who are bank, savings and loan 611
association, savings bank, credit union, or association of 612
banks, savings and loan associations, savings banks, or credit 613
unions, or hospital police officers appointed and commissioned 614
by the secretary of state pursuant to sections 4973.17 to 615
4973.22 of the Revised Code, provided that no such officer shall 616
be trained at the academy unless the officer meets the 617
qualifications established for admission to the academy and the 618
qualified nonprofit corporation police department; bank, savings 619
and loan association, savings bank, credit union, or association 620
of banks, savings and loan associations, savings banks, or 621
credit unions; railroad company; hospital; or amusement park or 622
the private college or university that established the campus 623
police department prepays the entire cost of the training. A 624
qualified nonprofit corporation police department; bank, savings 625
and loan association, savings bank, credit union, or association 626
of banks, savings and loan associations, savings banks, or 627
credit unions; railroad company; hospital; or amusement park or 628
a private college or university that has established a campus 629
police department is not entitled to reimbursement from the 630
state for any amount paid for the cost of training the bank, 631
savings and loan association, savings bank, credit union, or 632
association of banks, savings and loan associations, savings 633
banks, or credit unions peace officers; the railroad company's 634
peace officers; or the peace officers of the qualified nonprofit 635
corporation police department, campus police department, 636

hospital, or amusement park. 637

The academy shall permit investigators employed by the 638
state medical board to take selected courses that the board 639
determines are consistent with its responsibilities for initial 640
and continuing training of investigators as required under 641
sections 4730.26 and 4731.05 of the Revised Code. The board 642
shall pay the entire cost of training that investigators receive 643
at the academy. 644

The academy shall permit tactical medical professionals 645
and fire investigators to attend training courses at the academy 646
that are designed to qualify the professionals and investigators 647
to carry firearms while on duty under ~~section~~ sections 109.771 648
and 109.774 of the Revised Code and that provide training 649
comparable to training mandated under the rules required by 650
division (A) of section 109.748 and division (A) of section 651
109.7481 of the Revised Code. The executive director of the Ohio 652
peace officer training commission may certify tactical medical 653
professionals and fire investigators who satisfactorily complete 654
the training courses. The law enforcement agency served by a 655
tactical medical professional or the political subdivision 656
served by a fire investigator who attends the academy may pay 657
the tuition costs of the professional or investigator. 658

The academy shall permit county correctional officers to 659
attend training courses at the academy that are designed to 660
qualify the county correctional officers to carry firearms while 661
on duty under section 109.772 of the Revised Code and that 662
provide training mandated under the rules required by section 663
109.773 of the Revised Code. The executive director of the Ohio 664
peace officer training commission may certify county 665
correctional officers who satisfactorily complete the training 666

courses. The county jail, county workhouse, minimum security 667
jail, joint city and county workhouse, municipal-county 668
correctional center, multicounty-municipal correctional center, 669
municipal-county jail or workhouse, or multicounty-municipal 670
jail or workhouse served by the county correctional officer who 671
attends the academy may pay the tuition costs of the county 672
correctional officer. 673

(B) As used in this section: 674

(1) "Law enforcement officers" include any undercover drug 675
agent, any bailiff or deputy bailiff of a court of record, and 676
any criminal investigator who is employed by the state public 677
defender. 678

(2) "Undercover drug agent" means any person who: 679

(a) Is employed by a county, township, or municipal 680
corporation for the purposes set forth in division (B)(2)(b) of 681
this section but who is not an employee of a county sheriff's 682
department, of a township constable, or of the police department 683
of a municipal corporation or township; 684

(b) In the course of the person's employment by a county, 685
township, or municipal corporation, investigates and gathers 686
information pertaining to persons who are suspected of violating 687
Chapter 2925. or 3719. of the Revised Code, and generally does 688
not wear a uniform in the performance of the person's duties. 689

(3) "Crisis intervention training" has the same meaning as 690
in section 109.71 of the Revised Code. 691

(4) "Missing children" has the same meaning as in section 692
2901.30 of the Revised Code. 693

(5) "Companion animal" has the same meaning as in section 694

959.131 of the Revised Code. 695

Sec. 109.801. (A) (1) Each year, any of the following 696
persons who are authorized to carry firearms in the course of 697
their official duties shall complete successfully a firearms 698
requalification program approved by the executive director of 699
the Ohio peace officer training commission in accordance with 700
rules adopted by the attorney general pursuant to section 701
109.743 of the Revised Code: any peace officer, sheriff, chief 702
of police of an organized police department of a municipal 703
corporation or township, chief of police of a township police 704
district or joint police district police force, superintendent 705
of the state highway patrol, state highway patrol trooper, or 706
chief of police of a university or college police department; 707
any parole or probation officer who carries a firearm in the 708
course of official duties; any county correctional officer; the 709
house of representatives sergeant at arms if the house of 710
representatives sergeant at arms has arrest authority pursuant 711
to division (E) (1) of section 101.311 of the Revised Code; any 712
assistant house of representatives sergeant at arms; the senate 713
sergeant at arms; any assistant senate sergeant at arms; any 714
tactical medical professional; any fire investigator; or any 715
employee of the department of youth services who is designated 716
pursuant to division (A) (2) of section 5139.53 of the Revised 717
Code as being authorized to carry a firearm while on duty as 718
described in that division. 719

(2) No person listed in division (A) (1) of this section 720
shall carry a firearm during the course of official duties if 721
the person does not comply with division (A) (1) of this section. 722

(B) The hours that a sheriff spends attending a firearms 723
requalification program required by division (A) of this section 724

are in addition to the sixteen hours of continuing education 725
that are required by division (E) of section 311.01 of the 726
Revised Code. 727

(C) As used in this section, "firearm" has the same 728
meaning as in section 2923.11 of the Revised Code. 729

Sec. 2923.126. (A) A concealed handgun license that is 730
issued under section 2923.125 of the Revised Code shall expire 731
five years after the date of issuance. A licensee who has been 732
issued a license under that section shall be granted a grace 733
period of thirty days after the licensee's license expires 734
during which the licensee's license remains valid. Except as 735
provided in divisions (B) and (C) of this section, a licensee 736
who has been issued a concealed handgun license under section 737
2923.125 or 2923.1213 of the Revised Code may carry a concealed 738
handgun anywhere in this state if the license is valid when the 739
licensee is in actual possession of a concealed handgun. The 740
licensee shall give notice of any change in the licensee's 741
residence address to the sheriff who issued the license within 742
forty-five days after that change. 743

(B) A valid concealed handgun license does not authorize 744
the licensee to carry a concealed handgun in any manner 745
prohibited under division (B) of section 2923.12 of the Revised 746
Code or in any manner prohibited under section 2923.16 of the 747
Revised Code. A valid license does not authorize the licensee to 748
carry a concealed handgun into any of the following places: 749

(1) A police station, sheriff's office, or state highway 750
patrol station, premises controlled by the bureau of criminal 751
identification and investigation; a state correctional 752
institution, jail, workhouse, or other detention facility; any 753
area of an airport passenger terminal that is beyond a passenger 754

or property screening checkpoint or to which access is 755
restricted through security measures by the airport authority or 756
a public agency; or an institution that is maintained, operated, 757
managed, and governed pursuant to division (A) of section 758
5119.14 of the Revised Code or division (A)(1) of section 759
5123.03 of the Revised Code; 760

(2) A school safety zone if the licensee's carrying the 761
concealed handgun is in violation of section 2923.122 of the 762
Revised Code; 763

(3) A courthouse or another building or structure in which 764
a courtroom is located if the licensee's carrying the concealed 765
handgun is in violation of section 2923.123 of the Revised Code; 766

(4) Any premises or open air arena for which a D permit 767
has been issued under Chapter 4303. of the Revised Code if the 768
licensee's carrying the concealed handgun is in violation of 769
section 2923.121 of the Revised Code; 770

(5) Any premises owned or leased by any public or private 771
college, university, or other institution of higher education, 772
unless the handgun is in a locked motor vehicle or the licensee 773
is in the immediate process of placing the handgun in a locked 774
motor vehicle or unless the licensee is carrying the concealed 775
handgun pursuant to a written policy, rule, or other 776
authorization that is adopted by the institution's board of 777
trustees or other governing body and that authorizes specific 778
individuals or classes of individuals to carry a concealed 779
handgun on the premises; 780

(6) Any church, synagogue, mosque, or other place of 781
worship, unless the church, synagogue, mosque, or other place of 782
worship posts or permits otherwise; 783

(7) Any building that is a government facility of this state or a political subdivision of this state and that is not a building that is used primarily as a shelter, restroom, parking facility for motor vehicles, or rest facility and is not a courthouse or other building or structure in which a courtroom is located that is subject to division (B)(3) of this section, unless the governing body with authority over the building has enacted a statute, ordinance, or policy that permits a licensee to carry a concealed handgun into the building;

(8) A place in which federal law prohibits the carrying of handguns.

(C)(1) Nothing in this section shall negate or restrict a rule, policy, or practice of a private employer that is not a private college, university, or other institution of higher education concerning or prohibiting the presence of firearms on the private employer's premises or property, including motor vehicles owned by the private employer. Nothing in this section shall require a private employer of that nature to adopt a rule, policy, or practice concerning or prohibiting the presence of firearms on the private employer's premises or property, including motor vehicles owned by the private employer.

(2)(a) A private employer shall be immune from liability in a civil action for any injury, death, or loss to person or property that allegedly was caused by or related to a licensee bringing a handgun onto the premises or property of the private employer, including motor vehicles owned by the private employer, unless the private employer acted with malicious purpose. A private employer is immune from liability in a civil action for any injury, death, or loss to person or property that allegedly was caused by or related to the private employer's

decision to permit a licensee to bring, or prohibit a licensee 814
from bringing, a handgun onto the premises or property of the 815
private employer. 816

(b) A political subdivision shall be immune from liability 817
in a civil action, to the extent and in the manner provided in 818
Chapter 2744. of the Revised Code, for any injury, death, or 819
loss to person or property that allegedly was caused by or 820
related to a licensee bringing a handgun onto any premises or 821
property owned, leased, or otherwise under the control of the 822
political subdivision. As used in this division, "political 823
subdivision" has the same meaning as in section 2744.01 of the 824
Revised Code. 825

(c) An institution of higher education shall be immune 826
from liability in a civil action for any injury, death, or loss 827
to person or property that allegedly was caused by or related to 828
a licensee bringing a handgun onto the premises of the 829
institution, including motor vehicles owned by the institution, 830
unless the institution acted with malicious purpose. An 831
institution of higher education is immune from liability in a 832
civil action for any injury, death, or loss to person or 833
property that allegedly was caused by or related to the 834
institution's decision to permit a licensee or class of 835
licensees to bring a handgun onto the premises of the 836
institution. 837

(d) A nonprofit corporation shall be immune from liability 838
in a civil action for any injury, death, or loss to person or 839
property that allegedly was caused by or related to a licensee 840
bringing a handgun onto the premises of the nonprofit 841
corporation, including any motor vehicle owned by the nonprofit 842
corporation, or to any event organized by the nonprofit 843

corporation, unless the nonprofit corporation acted with 844
malicious purpose. A nonprofit corporation is immune from 845
liability in a civil action for any injury, death, or loss to 846
person or property that allegedly was caused by or related to 847
the nonprofit corporation's decision to permit a licensee to 848
bring a handgun onto the premises of the nonprofit corporation 849
or to any event organized by the nonprofit corporation. 850

(3) (a) Except as provided in division (C) (3) (b) of this 851
section and section 2923.1214 of the Revised Code, the owner or 852
person in control of private land or premises, and a private 853
person or entity leasing land or premises owned by the state, 854
the United States, or a political subdivision of the state or 855
the United States, may post a sign in a conspicuous location on 856
that land or on those premises prohibiting persons from carrying 857
firearms or concealed firearms on or onto that land or those 858
premises. Except as otherwise provided in this division, a 859
person who knowingly violates a posted prohibition of that 860
nature is guilty of criminal trespass in violation of division 861
(A) (4) of section 2911.21 of the Revised Code and is guilty of a 862
misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If a person knowingly violates 863
a posted prohibition of that nature and the posted land or 864
premises primarily was a parking lot or other parking facility, 865
the person is not guilty of criminal trespass under section 866
2911.21 of the Revised Code or under any other criminal law of 867
this state or criminal law, ordinance, or resolution of a 868
political subdivision of this state, and instead is subject only 869
to a civil cause of action for trespass based on the violation. 870

If a person knowingly violates a posted prohibition of the 871
nature described in this division and the posted land or 872
premises is a child day-care center, type A family day-care 873
home, or type B family day-care home, unless the person is a 874

licensee who resides in a type A family day-care home or type B 875
family day-care home, the person is guilty of aggravated 876
trespass in violation of section 2911.211 of the Revised Code. 877
Except as otherwise provided in this division, the offender is 878
guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree. If the person 879
previously has been convicted of a violation of this division or 880
of any offense of violence, if the weapon involved is a firearm 881
that is either loaded or for which the offender has ammunition 882
ready at hand, or if the weapon involved is dangerous ordnance, 883
the offender is guilty of a felony of the fourth degree. 884

(b) A landlord may not prohibit or restrict a tenant who 885
is a licensee and who on or after September 9, 2008, enters into 886
a rental agreement with the landlord for the use of residential 887
premises, and the tenant's guest while the tenant is present, 888
from lawfully carrying or possessing a handgun on those 889
residential premises. 890

(c) As used in division (C) (3) of this section: 891

(i) "Residential premises" has the same meaning as in 892
section 5321.01 of the Revised Code, except "residential 893
premises" does not include a dwelling unit that is owned or 894
operated by a college or university. 895

(ii) "Landlord," "tenant," and "rental agreement" have the 896
same meanings as in section 5321.01 of the Revised Code. 897

(D) A person who holds a valid concealed handgun license 898
issued by another state that is recognized by the attorney 899
general pursuant to a reciprocity agreement entered into 900
pursuant to section 109.69 of the Revised Code or a person who 901
holds a valid concealed handgun license under the circumstances 902
described in division (B) of section 109.69 of the Revised Code 903

has the same right to carry a concealed handgun in this state as 904
a person who was issued a concealed handgun license under 905
section 2923.125 of the Revised Code and is subject to the same 906
restrictions that apply to a person who has been issued a 907
license under that section that is valid at the time in 908
question. 909

(E) (1) A peace officer has the same right to carry a 910
concealed handgun in this state as a person who was issued a 911
concealed handgun license under section 2923.125 of the Revised 912
Code, provided that the officer when carrying a concealed 913
handgun under authority of this division is carrying validating 914
identification. For purposes of reciprocity with other states, a 915
peace officer shall be considered to be a licensee in this 916
state. 917

(2) An active duty member of the armed forces of the 918
United States who is carrying a valid military identification 919
card and documentation of successful completion of firearms 920
training that meets or exceeds the training requirements 921
described in division (G) (1) of section 2923.125 of the Revised 922
Code has the same right to carry a concealed handgun in this 923
state as a person who was issued a concealed handgun license 924
under section 2923.125 of the Revised Code and is subject to the 925
same restrictions as specified in this section. 926

(3) A tactical medical professional who is qualified to 927
carry firearms while on duty under section 109.771 of the 928
Revised Code has the same right to carry a concealed handgun in 929
this state as a person who was issued a concealed handgun 930
license under section 2923.125 of the Revised Code. 931

(4) A fire investigator who is qualified to carry firearms 932
while on duty under section 109.774 of the Revised Code has the 933

same right to carry a concealed handgun in this state as a 934
person who was issued a concealed handgun license under section 935
2923.125 of the Revised Code. 936

(F) (1) A qualified retired peace officer who possesses a 937
retired peace officer identification card issued pursuant to 938
division (F) (2) of this section and a valid firearms 939
requalification certification issued pursuant to division (F) (3) 940
of this section has the same right to carry a concealed handgun 941
in this state as a person who was issued a concealed handgun 942
license under section 2923.125 of the Revised Code and is 943
subject to the same restrictions that apply to a person who has 944
been issued a license issued under that section that is valid at 945
the time in question. For purposes of reciprocity with other 946
states, a qualified retired peace officer who possesses a 947
retired peace officer identification card issued pursuant to 948
division (F) (2) of this section and a valid firearms 949
requalification certification issued pursuant to division (F) (3) 950
of this section shall be considered to be a licensee in this 951
state. 952

(2) (a) Each public agency of this state or of a political 953
subdivision of this state that is served by one or more peace 954
officers shall issue a retired peace officer identification card 955
to any person who retired from service as a peace officer with 956
that agency, if the issuance is in accordance with the agency's 957
policies and procedures and if the person, with respect to the 958
person's service with that agency, satisfies all of the 959
following: 960

(i) The person retired in good standing from service as a 961
peace officer with the public agency, and the retirement was not 962
for reasons of mental instability. 963

(ii) Before retiring from service as a peace officer with that agency, the person was authorized to engage in or supervise the prevention, detection, investigation, or prosecution of, or the incarceration of any person for, any violation of law and the person had statutory powers of arrest.

(iii) At the time of the person's retirement as a peace officer with that agency, the person was trained and qualified to carry firearms in the performance of the peace officer's duties.

(iv) Before retiring from service as a peace officer with that agency, the person was regularly employed as a peace officer for an aggregate of fifteen years or more, or, in the alternative, the person retired from service as a peace officer with that agency, after completing any applicable probationary period of that service, due to a service-connected disability, as determined by the agency.

(b) A retired peace officer identification card issued to a person under division (F)(2)(a) of this section shall identify the person by name, contain a photograph of the person, identify the public agency of this state or of the political subdivision of this state from which the person retired as a peace officer and that is issuing the identification card, and specify that the person retired in good standing from service as a peace officer with the issuing public agency and satisfies the criteria set forth in divisions (F)(2)(a)(i) to (iv) of this section. In addition to the required content specified in this division, a retired peace officer identification card issued to a person under division (F)(2)(a) of this section may include the firearms requalification certification described in division (F)(3) of this section, and if the identification card includes

that certification, the identification card shall serve as the 994
firearms requalification certification for the retired peace 995
officer. If the issuing public agency issues credentials to 996
active law enforcement officers who serve the agency, the agency 997
may comply with division (F)(2)(a) of this section by issuing 998
the same credentials to persons who retired from service as a 999
peace officer with the agency and who satisfy the criteria set 1000
forth in divisions (F)(2)(a)(i) to (iv) of this section, 1001
provided that the credentials so issued to retired peace 1002
officers are stamped with the word "RETIRED." 1003

(c) A public agency of this state or of a political 1004
subdivision of this state may charge persons who retired from 1005
service as a peace officer with the agency a reasonable fee for 1006
issuing to the person a retired peace officer identification 1007
card pursuant to division (F)(2)(a) of this section. 1008

(3) If a person retired from service as a peace officer 1009
with a public agency of this state or of a political subdivision 1010
of this state and the person satisfies the criteria set forth in 1011
divisions (F)(2)(a)(i) to (iv) of this section, the public 1012
agency may provide the retired peace officer with the 1013
opportunity to attend a firearms requalification program that is 1014
approved for purposes of firearms requalification required under 1015
section 109.801 of the Revised Code. The retired peace officer 1016
may be required to pay the cost of the course. 1017

If a retired peace officer who satisfies the criteria set 1018
forth in divisions (F)(2)(a)(i) to (iv) of this section attends 1019
a firearms requalification program that is approved for purposes 1020
of firearms requalification required under section 109.801 of 1021
the Revised Code, the retired peace officer's successful 1022
completion of the firearms requalification program requalifies 1023

the retired peace officer for purposes of division (F) of this 1024
section for five years from the date on which the program was 1025
successfully completed, and the requalification is valid during 1026
that five-year period. If a retired peace officer who satisfies 1027
the criteria set forth in divisions (F) (2) (a) (i) to (iv) of this 1028
section satisfactorily completes such a firearms requalification 1029
program, the retired peace officer shall be issued a firearms 1030
requalification certification that identifies the retired peace 1031
officer by name, identifies the entity that taught the program, 1032
specifies that the retired peace officer successfully completed 1033
the program, specifies the date on which the course was 1034
successfully completed, and specifies that the requalification 1035
is valid for five years from that date of successful completion. 1036
The firearms requalification certification for a retired peace 1037
officer may be included in the retired peace officer 1038
identification card issued to the retired peace officer under 1039
division (F) (2) of this section. 1040

A retired peace officer who attends a firearms 1041
requalification program that is approved for purposes of 1042
firearms requalification required under section 109.801 of the 1043
Revised Code may be required to pay the cost of the program. 1044

(G) As used in this section: 1045

(1) "Qualified retired peace officer" means a person who 1046
satisfies all of the following: 1047

(a) The person satisfies the criteria set forth in 1048
divisions (F) (2) (a) (i) to (v) of this section. 1049

(b) The person is not under the influence of alcohol or 1050
another intoxicating or hallucinatory drug or substance. 1051

(c) The person is not prohibited by federal law from 1052

receiving firearms. 1053

(2) "Retired peace officer identification card" means an 1054
identification card that is issued pursuant to division (F) (2) 1055
of this section to a person who is a retired peace officer. 1056

(3) "Government facility of this state or a political 1057
subdivision of this state" means any of the following: 1058

(a) A building or part of a building that is owned or 1059
leased by the government of this state or a political 1060
subdivision of this state and where employees of the government 1061
of this state or the political subdivision regularly are present 1062
for the purpose of performing their official duties as employees 1063
of the state or political subdivision; 1064

(b) The office of a deputy registrar serving pursuant to 1065
Chapter 4503. of the Revised Code that is used to perform deputy 1066
registrar functions. 1067

(4) "Governing body" has the same meaning as in section 1068
154.01 of the Revised Code. 1069

(5) "Tactical medical professional" has the same meaning 1070
as in section 109.71 of the Revised Code. 1071

(6) "Validating identification" means photographic 1072
identification issued by the agency for which an individual 1073
serves as a peace officer that identifies the individual as a 1074
peace officer of the agency. 1075

(7) "Nonprofit corporation" means any private organization 1076
that is exempt from federal income taxation pursuant to 1077
subsection 501(a) and described in subsection 501(c) of the 1078
Internal Revenue Code. 1079

(8) "Fire investigator" has the same meaning as in section 1080

109.71 of the Revised Code. 1081

Section 2. That existing sections 109.71, 109.73, 109.75, 1082
109.79, 109.801, and 2923.126 of the Revised Code are hereby 1083
repealed. 1084

Section 3. That the version of section 109.73 of the 1085
Revised Code that is scheduled to take effect December 29, 2023, 1086
be amended to read as follows: 1087

Sec. 109.73. (A) The Ohio peace officer training 1088
commission shall recommend rules to the attorney general with 1089
respect to all of the following: 1090

(1) The approval, or revocation of approval, of peace 1091
officer training schools administered by the state, counties, 1092
municipal corporations, public school districts, technical 1093
college districts, and the department of natural resources; 1094

(2) Minimum courses of study, attendance requirements, and 1095
equipment and facilities to be required at approved state, 1096
county, municipal, and department of natural resources peace 1097
officer training schools; 1098

(3) Minimum qualifications for instructors at approved 1099
state, county, municipal, and department of natural resources 1100
peace officer training schools; 1101

(4) The requirements of minimum basic training that peace 1102
officers appointed to probationary terms shall complete before 1103
being eligible for permanent appointment, which requirements 1104
shall include training in the handling of the offense of 1105
domestic violence, other types of domestic violence-related 1106
offenses and incidents, and protection orders and consent 1107
agreements issued or approved under section 2919.26 or 3113.31 1108
of the Revised Code; crisis intervention training; and training 1109

in the handling of missing children and child abuse and neglect 1110
cases; and training in handling violations of section 2905.32 of 1111
the Revised Code; and the time within which such basic training 1112
shall be completed following appointment to a probationary term; 1113

(5) The requirements of minimum basic training that peace 1114
officers not appointed for probationary terms but appointed on 1115
other than a permanent basis shall complete in order to be 1116
eligible for continued employment or permanent appointment, 1117
which requirements shall include training in the handling of the 1118
offense of domestic violence, other types of domestic violence- 1119
related offenses and incidents, and protection orders and 1120
consent agreements issued or approved under section 2919.26 or 1121
3113.31 of the Revised Code, crisis intervention training, and 1122
training in the handling of missing children and child abuse and 1123
neglect cases, and training in handling violations of section 1124
2905.32 of the Revised Code, and the time within which such 1125
basic training shall be completed following appointment on other 1126
than a permanent basis; 1127

(6) Categories or classifications of advanced in-service 1128
training programs for peace officers, including programs in the 1129
handling of the offense of domestic violence, other types of 1130
domestic violence-related offenses and incidents, and protection 1131
orders and consent agreements issued or approved under section 1132
2919.26 or 3113.31 of the Revised Code, in crisis intervention, 1133
and in the handling of missing children and child abuse and 1134
neglect cases, and in handling violations of section 2905.32 of 1135
the Revised Code, and minimum courses of study and attendance 1136
requirements with respect to such categories or classifications; 1137

(7) Permitting persons, who are employed as members of a 1138
campus police department appointed under section 1713.50 of the 1139

Revised Code; who are employed as police officers by a qualified 1140
nonprofit corporation police department pursuant to section 1141
1702.80 of the Revised Code; who are appointed and commissioned 1142
as bank, savings and loan association, savings bank, credit 1143
union, or association of banks, savings and loan associations, 1144
savings banks, or credit unions police officers, as railroad 1145
police officers, or as hospital police officers pursuant to 1146
sections 4973.17 to 4973.22 of the Revised Code; or who are 1147
appointed and commissioned as amusement park police officers 1148
pursuant to section 4973.17 of the Revised Code, to attend 1149
approved peace officer training schools, including the Ohio 1150
peace officer training academy, and to receive certificates of 1151
satisfactory completion of basic training programs, if the 1152
private college or university that established the campus police 1153
department; qualified nonprofit corporation police department; 1154
bank, savings and loan association, savings bank, credit union, 1155
or association of banks, savings and loan associations, savings 1156
banks, or credit unions; railroad company; hospital; or 1157
amusement park sponsoring the police officers pays the entire 1158
cost of the training and certification and if trainee vacancies 1159
are available; 1160

(8) Permitting undercover drug agents to attend approved 1161
peace officer training schools, other than the Ohio peace 1162
officer training academy, and to receive certificates of 1163
satisfactory completion of basic training programs, if, for each 1164
undercover drug agent, the county, township, or municipal 1165
corporation that employs that undercover drug agent pays the 1166
entire cost of the training and certification; 1167

(9) (a) The requirements for basic training programs for 1168
bailiffs and deputy bailiffs of courts of record of this state 1169
and for criminal investigators employed by the state public 1170

defender that those persons shall complete before they may carry 1171
a firearm while on duty; 1172

(b) The requirements for any training received by a 1173
bailiff or deputy bailiff of a court of record of this state or 1174
by a criminal investigator employed by the state public defender 1175
prior to June 6, 1986, that is to be considered equivalent to 1176
the training described in division (A) (9) (a) of this section. 1177

(10) Establishing minimum qualifications and requirements 1178
for certification for dogs utilized by law enforcement agencies; 1179

(11) Establishing minimum requirements for certification 1180
of persons who are employed as correction officers in a full- 1181
service jail, five-day facility, or eight-hour holding facility 1182
or who provide correction services in such a jail or facility; 1183

(12) Establishing requirements for the training of humane 1184
society agents under section 1717.061 of the Revised Code, 1185
including, without limitation, a requirement that the agents 1186
receive instruction on traditional animal husbandry methods and 1187
training techniques, including customary owner-performed 1188
practices; 1189

(13) Permitting tactical medical professionals to attend 1190
approved peace officer training schools, including the Ohio 1191
peace officer training academy, to receive training of the type 1192
described in division (A) (14) of this section and to receive 1193
certificates of satisfactory completion of training programs 1194
described in that division; 1195

(14) The requirements for training programs that tactical 1196
medical professionals shall complete to qualify them to carry 1197
firearms while on duty under section 109.771 of the Revised 1198
Code, which requirements shall include at least the firearms 1199

training specified in division (A) of section 109.748 of the Revised Code; 1200
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(15) Procedures and requirements for a portion of basic training that peace officers complete in proper interactions with civilians during traffic stops and other in-person encounters as specified in division (B) (4) of section 109.803 of the Revised Code and including the topics of instruction listed for active duty peace officers under divisions (B) (4) (a) to (d) of that section; 1202
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(16) Permitting county correctional officers to attend approved peace officer training schools, including the Ohio peace officer training academy, to receive training of the type described in division (A) (17) of this section, and to receive certificates of satisfactory completion of basic training programs described in that division; 1209
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(17) The requirements for basic training programs that county correctional officers shall complete to qualify them to carry firearms while on duty under section 109.772 of the Revised Code, which requirements shall include the firearms training specified in section 109.773 of the Revised Code. 1215
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(18) Permitting fire investigators to attend approved peace officer training schools, including the Ohio peace officer training academy, to receive training of the type described in division (A) (19) of this section, and to receive certificates of satisfactory completion of training programs described in that division; 1220
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(19) The requirements for training programs that fire investigators shall complete to qualify them to carry firearms while on duty under section 109.774 of the Revised Code, which 1226
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requirements shall include at least the firearms training 1229
specified in division (A) of section 109.7481 of the Revised 1230
Code. 1231

(B) The commission shall appoint an executive director, 1232
with the approval of the attorney general, who shall hold office 1233
during the pleasure of the commission. The executive director 1234
shall perform such duties assigned by the commission. The 1235
executive director shall receive a salary fixed pursuant to 1236
Chapter 124. of the Revised Code and reimbursement for expenses 1237
within the amounts available by appropriation. The executive 1238
director may appoint officers, employees, agents, and 1239
consultants as the executive director considers necessary, 1240
prescribe their duties, and provide for reimbursement of their 1241
expenses within the amounts available for reimbursement by 1242
appropriation and with the approval of the commission. 1243

(C) The commission may do all of the following: 1244

(1) Recommend studies, surveys, and reports to be made by 1245
the executive director regarding the carrying out of the 1246
objectives and purposes of sections 109.71 to 109.77 of the 1247
Revised Code; 1248

(2) Visit and inspect any peace officer training school 1249
that has been approved by the executive director or for which 1250
application for approval has been made; 1251

(3) Make recommendations, from time to time, to the 1252
executive director, the attorney general, and the general 1253
assembly regarding the carrying out of the purposes of sections 1254
109.71 to 109.77 of the Revised Code; 1255

(4) Report to the attorney general from time to time, and 1256
to the governor and the general assembly at least annually, 1257

concerning the activities of the commission; 1258

(5) Establish fees for the services the commission offers 1259
under sections 109.71 to 109.79 of the Revised Code, including, 1260
but not limited to, fees for training, certification, and 1261
testing; 1262

(6) Perform such other acts as are necessary or 1263
appropriate to carry out the powers and duties of the commission 1264
as set forth in sections 109.71 to 109.77 of the Revised Code. 1265

(D) In establishing the requirements, under division (A) 1266
(12) of this section, the commission may consider any portions 1267
of the curriculum for instruction on the topic of animal 1268
husbandry practices, if any, of the Ohio state university 1269
college of veterinary medicine. No person or entity that fails 1270
to provide instruction on traditional animal husbandry methods 1271
and training techniques, including customary owner-performed 1272
practices, shall qualify to train a humane society agent for 1273
appointment under section 1717.06 of the Revised Code. 1274

(E) (1) As used in this division, "license" has the same 1275
meaning as in section 4796.01 of the Revised Code, except that 1276
it includes a certificate of completion of a training program 1277
required under sections 109.71 to 109.804 of the Revised Code. 1278
"License" does not include a certificate of completion of a 1279
firearm basic training program under division (B) (1) of section 1280
109.78 of the Revised Code or a certificate of completion of any 1281
firearm requalification training program. 1282

(2) Notwithstanding any requirement for a license issued 1283
by the commission, the commission shall issue a license in 1284
accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code to an 1285
individual if either of the following applies: 1286

(a) The individual holds a license in another state.	1287
(b) The individual has satisfactory work experience, a	1288
government certification, or a private certification as	1289
described in that chapter in the same profession, occupation, or	1290
occupational activity as the profession, occupation, or	1291
occupational activity for which the license is required in this	1292
state in a state that does not require such a license.	1293
Section 4. That the existing version of section 109.73 of	1294
the Revised Code that is scheduled to take effect December 29,	1295
2023, is hereby repealed.	1296
Section 5. Sections 3 and 4 of this act take effect	1297
December 29, 2023.	1298
Section 6. The version of section 109.73 of the Revised	1299
Code that is scheduled to take effect December 29, 2023, is	1300
presented in this act as a composite of the section as amended	1301
by S.B. 16, S.B. 131, and S.B. 288, all of the 134th General	1302
Assembly. The General Assembly, applying the principle stated in	1303
division (B) of section 1.52 of the Revised Code that amendments	1304
are to be harmonized if reasonably capable of simultaneous	1305
operation, finds that the composite is the resulting version of	1306
the section in effect prior to the effective date of the section	1307
as presented in this act.	1308