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A BILL

To amend section 4765.16 and to enact sections 1
109.749 and 4765.162 of the Revised Code to 2
require peace officers and emergency medical 3
service personnel to undergo training on 4
identifying and interacting with individuals 5
with dementia. 6

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

Section 1. That section 4765.16 be amended and sections 7
109.749 and 4765.162 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as 8
follows: 9

Sec. 109.749. (A) As used in this section, "dementia" 10
includes Alzheimer's disease or a related disorder. 11

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

rules shall specify both of the following: 17

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

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

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

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

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

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

(4) Identifying and reporting incidents of abuse, neglect, 34
and exploitation of individuals with dementia to the office of 35
the attorney general; 36

(5) Protocols for contacting caregivers when an individual 37
with dementia is found wandering or during an emergency or 38
crisis situation; 39

(6) Local resources available for individuals with 40
dementia; 41

(7) Local and national organizations that assist peace 42
officers with locating missing and wandering individuals with 43

dementia and returning them to their caregivers. 44

Sec. 4765.16. (A) All courses offered through an emergency 45
medical services training program or an emergency medical 46
services continuing education program, other than ambulance 47
driving and the dementia education and training course developed 48
under section 4765.162 of the Revised Code, shall be developed 49
under the direction of a physician who specializes in emergency 50
medicine. Each course that deals with trauma care shall be 51
developed in consultation with a physician who specializes in 52
trauma surgery. Except as specified by the state board of 53
emergency medical, fire, and transportation services pursuant to 54
rules adopted under section 4765.11 of the Revised Code, each 55
course offered through a training program or continuing 56
education program shall be taught by a person who holds the 57
appropriate certificate to teach issued under section 4765.23 of 58
the Revised Code. 59

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

(1) Emergency victim care; 65

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

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

(C) A training program for emergency medical technicians- 71
basic shall meet the standards established in rules adopted by 72

the board under section 4765.11 of the Revised Code. The program 73
shall include courses in each of the following areas for at 74
least the number of hours established by the board's rules: 75

(1) Emergency victim care; 76

(2) Reading and interpreting a trauma victim's vital 77
signs; 78

(3) Triage protocols for adult and pediatric trauma 79
victims; 80

(4) In-hospital training; 81

(5) Clinical training; 82

(6) Training as an ambulance driver; 83

(7) Identifying and interacting with individuals with 84
dementia, as provided in the dementia education and training 85
course developed under section 4765.162 of the Revised Code. 86

Each operator of a training program for emergency medical 87
technicians-basic shall allow any pupil in the twelfth grade in 88
a secondary school who is at least seventeen years old and who 89
otherwise meets the requirements for admission into such a 90
training program to be admitted to and complete the program and, 91
as part of the training, to ride in an ambulance with emergency 92
medical technicians-basic, emergency medical technicians- 93
intermediate, and emergency medical technicians-paramedic. Each 94
emergency medical service organization shall allow pupils 95
participating in training programs to ride in an ambulance with 96
emergency medical technicians-basic, advanced emergency medical 97
technicians-intermediate, and emergency medical technicians- 98
paramedic. 99

(D) A training program for emergency medical technicians- 100

intermediate shall meet the standards established in rules 101
adopted by the board under section 4765.11 of the Revised Code. 102
The program shall include, or require as a prerequisite, the 103
training specified in division (C) of this section and courses 104
in each of the following areas for at least the number of hours 105
established by the board's rules: 106

(1) Recognizing symptoms of life-threatening allergic 107
reactions and in calculating proper dosage levels and 108
administering injections of epinephrine to persons who suffer 109
life-threatening allergic reactions, conducted in accordance 110
with rules adopted by the board under section 4765.11 of the 111
Revised Code; 112

(2) Venous access procedures; 113

(3) Cardiac monitoring and electrical interventions to 114
support or correct the cardiac function. 115

(E) A training program for emergency medical technicians- 116
paramedic shall meet the standards established in rules adopted 117
by the board under section 4765.11 of the Revised Code. The 118
program shall include, or require as a prerequisite, the 119
training specified in divisions (C) and (D) of this section and 120
courses in each of the following areas for at least the number 121
of hours established by the board's rules: 122

(1) Medical terminology; 123

(2) Venous access procedures; 124

(3) Airway procedures; 125

(4) Patient assessment and triage; 126

(5) Acute cardiac care, including administration of 127
parenteral injections, electrical interventions, and other 128

emergency medical services;	129
(6) Emergency and trauma victim care beyond that required under division (C) of this section;	130 131
(7) Clinical training beyond that required under division (C) of this section.	132 133
(F) A continuing education program for first responders, EMTs-basic, EMTs-I, or paramedics shall meet the standards established in rules adopted by the board under section 4765.11 of the Revised Code. A continuing education program shall include instruction and training in subjects established by the board's rules for at least the number of hours established by the board's rules. <u>A continuing education program shall include instruction in identifying and interacting with individuals with dementia, as provided in the dementia education and training course developed under section 4765.162 of the Revised Code.</u>	134 135 136 137 138 139 140 141 142 143
<u>Sec. 4765.162. (A) As used in this section, "dementia"</u> <u>includes Alzheimer's disease or a related disorder.</u>	144 145
<u>(B) The state board of emergency medical, fire, and transportation services, in consultation with the department of aging, shall develop a dementia education and training course to be included in all emergency medical services training programs and emergency medical services continuing education programs accredited or approved under section 4765.15 of the Revised Code.</u>	146 147 148 149 150 151 152
<u>(C) The board shall adopt rules under section 4765.11 of the Revised Code governing the dementia education and training course developed under this section. The rules shall specify both of the following:</u>	153 154 155 156
<u>(1) The amount of training, which shall be at least two</u>	157

<u>hours of instruction, that is necessary for satisfactory</u>	158
<u>completion of the dementia education and training course</u>	159
<u>included in an emergency medical services training program;</u>	160
<u>(2) The amount of training, which shall be at least one</u>	161
<u>hour of instruction, that is necessary for satisfactory</u>	162
<u>completion of the dementia education and training course</u>	163
<u>included in an emergency medical services continuing education</u>	164
<u>program.</u>	165
<u>(D) The dementia education and training course developed</u>	166
<u>under this section shall include instruction in all of the</u>	167
<u>following:</u>	168
<u>(1) Identifying individuals with dementia, including</u>	169
<u>psychiatric and behavioral symptoms of dementia and common</u>	170
<u>medical emergencies experienced by individuals with dementia;</u>	171
<u>(2) Respectful and effective communication techniques for</u>	172
<u>communicating with individuals with dementia and their</u>	173
<u>caregivers;</u>	174
<u>(3) Techniques for addressing the behavioral symptoms of</u>	175
<u>dementia during the administration of emergency medical</u>	176
<u>treatment;</u>	177
<u>(4) Identifying and reporting incidents of abuse, neglect,</u>	178
<u>and exploitation of individuals with dementia to the office of</u>	179
<u>the attorney general;</u>	180
<u>(5) Protocols for contacting caregivers when an individual</u>	181
<u>with dementia is found wandering or during an emergency or</u>	182
<u>crisis situation;</u>	183
<u>(6) Local resources available for individuals with</u>	184
<u>dementia;</u>	185

<u>(7) Local and national organizations that assist emergency</u>	186
<u>medical services personnel with locating missing and wandering</u>	187
<u>individuals with dementia and returning them to their</u>	188
<u>caregivers.</u>	189
Section 2. That existing section 4765.16 of the Revised	190
Code is hereby repealed.	191