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A BILL

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

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

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

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

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

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(1) The amount of dementia-related training, which shall

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

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 130
under division (C) of this section; 131

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

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

Sec. 4765.162. (A) As used in this section, "dementia" 144
includes Alzheimer's disease or a related disorder. 145

(B) The state board of emergency medical, fire, and 146
transportation services, in consultation with the department of 147
aging, shall develop a dementia education and training course to 148
be included in all emergency medical services training programs 149
and emergency medical services continuing education programs 150
accredited or approved under section 4765.15 of the Revised 151
Code. 152

(C) The board shall adopt rules under section 4765.11 of 153
the Revised Code governing the dementia education and training 154
course developed under this section. The rules shall specify 155
both of the following: 156

(1) The amount of training, which shall be at least two 157
hours of instruction, that is necessary for satisfactory 158

completion of the dementia education and training course 159
included in an emergency medical services training program; 160

(2) The amount of training, which shall be at least one 161
hour of instruction, that is necessary for satisfactory 162
completion of the dementia education and training course 163
included in an emergency medical services continuing education 164
program. 165

(D) The dementia education and training course developed 166
under this section shall include instruction in all of the 167
following: 168

(1) Identifying individuals with dementia, including 169
psychiatric and behavioral symptoms of dementia and common 170
medical emergencies experienced by individuals with dementia; 171

(2) Respectful and effective communication techniques for 172
communicating with individuals with dementia and their 173
caregivers; 174

(3) Techniques for addressing the behavioral symptoms of 175
dementia during the administration of emergency medical 176
treatment; 177

(4) Identifying and reporting incidents of abuse, neglect, 178
and exploitation of individuals with dementia to the office of 179
the attorney general; 180

(5) Protocols for contacting caregivers when an individual 181
with dementia is found wandering or during an emergency or 182
crisis situation; 183

(6) Local resources available for individuals with 184
dementia; 185

(7) Local and national organizations that assist emergency 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