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A BILL

To enact section 109.804 of the Revised Code to
require the Ohio Peace Officer Training
Commission to develop and conduct a chief of
police training course for certain newly
appointed chiefs of police.

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

Section 1. That section 109.804 of the Revised Code be
enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 109.804. (A) The Ohio peace officer training
commission shall develop and conduct a chief of police training
course lasting forty hours for newly appointed chiefs of police
appointed on or after January 1, 2018. The commission shall
determine the course topics, which shall include diversity
training with an emphasis on historical perspectives and
community-police relations, and shall establish criteria for
what constitutes successful completion of the course. The
commission shall conduct the course at the Ohio peace officer

training academy and shall offer the course at least
semiannually.

(B) A newly appointed chief of police may request an
equivalency exemption from a portion of the forty hours of the
chief of police training course by submitting to the Ohio peace
officer training commission, not more than ten calendar days
following the person's appointment as a chief of police,
evidence of training or qualification in the subject area of the
exempted portion.

(C) Upon presentation of evidence by a newly appointed
chief of police that because of a medical disability or other
good cause the newly appointed chief of police is unable to
complete the chief of police training course, the Ohio peace
officer training commission may defer the requirement for the
newly appointed chief of police to complete the chief of police
training course until the disability or cause terminates.

(D) A newly appointed chief of police appointed on or
after January 1, 2018, shall attend a chief of police training
course conducted by the Ohio peace officer training commission
pursuant to division (A) of this section not later than six
months after the person's appointment as a chief of police.
While attending the chief of police training course, a newly
appointed chief of police shall receive compensation in the same
manner and amounts as if carrying out the powers and duties of
the office of chief of police. The costs of conducting the chief
of police training course shall be paid from state funds
appropriated to the attorney general. The cost of meals,
lodging, and travel of a newly appointed chief of police
attending the chief of police training course shall be paid from
the budget of the entity for which the newly appointed chief of

police was appointed. 47

(E) As used in this section: 48

"Newly appointed chief of police" means a person appointed 49
chief of police under section 505.49, 737.05, or 737.15 of the 50
Revised Code or any administrative official that is responsible 51
for the daily administration and supervision of peace officers 52
in a law enforcement agency who did not hold the office of chief 53
of police on the date the person was appointed chief of police. 54

"Law enforcement agency" means a municipal or township 55
police department, or any other entity authorized by statute to 56
appoint peace officers to enforce criminal laws and who have the 57
statutory power of arrest. "Law enforcement agency" does not 58
include a county sheriff's office, the state highway patrol, or 59
the bureau of criminal identification and investigation. 60