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H. B. No. 441

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A BILL

То	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
<pre>peace officer training schools;</pre>	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
<pre>careqivers;</pre>	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
<pre>dementia;</pre>	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

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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
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(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

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(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 bognital training.	81
(4) In-hospital training;	0.1
(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

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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
<pre>following:</pre>	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
<pre>caregivers;</pre>	174
(3) Techniques for addressing the behavioral symptoms of	175
dementia during the administration of emergency medical	176
<pre>treatment;</pre>	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
<pre>crisis situation;</pre>	183
(6) Local resources available for individuals with	184
dementia;	185
(7) Local and national organizations that assist emergency	186
medical services personnel with locating missing and wandering	187

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individuals with dementia and returning them to their	188
<pre>caregivers.</pre>	189
Section 2. That existing section 4765.16 of the Revised	190
Code is hereby repealed.	191