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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 18

attorney general the Ohio peace officer training commission. The 19  
commission shall consist of ten members appointed by the 20  
governor with the advice and consent of the senate and selected 21  
as follows: one member representing the public; one member who 22  
represents a fraternal organization representing law enforcement 23  
officers; two members who are incumbent sheriffs; two members 24  
who are incumbent chiefs of police; one member from the bureau 25  
of criminal identification and investigation; one member from 26  
the state highway patrol; one member who is the special agent in 27  
charge of a field office of the federal bureau of investigation 28  
in this state; and one member from the department of education, 29  
trade and industrial education services, law enforcement 30  
training. 31

This section does not confer any arrest authority or any 32  
ability or authority to detain a person, write or issue any 33  
citation, or provide any disposition alternative, as granted 34  
under Chapter 2935. of the Revised Code. 35

Pursuant to division (A) (9) of section 101.82 of the 36  
Revised Code, the commission is exempt from the requirements of 37  
sections 101.82 to 101.87 of the Revised Code. 38

As used in sections 109.71 to 109.801 of the Revised Code: 39

(A) "Peace officer" means: 40

(1) A deputy sheriff, marshal, deputy marshal, member of 41  
the organized police department of a township or municipal 42  
corporation, member of a township police district or joint 43  
police district police force, member of a police force employed 44  
by a metropolitan housing authority under division (D) of 45  
section 3735.31 of the Revised Code, or township constable, who 46  
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

Sec. 109.774. (A) A fire investigator may carry firearms 516  
while on duty if all of the following apply: 517

(1) The state fire marshal, if the fire investigator is 518  
employed by the state; the legislative authority of the 519  
municipal corporation served by a fire department, if the fire 520  
investigator is employed by a municipal fire department; or the 521  
chief of the fire department of the township, the chief of the 522  
fire department of the joint fire district, or the fire 523  
prevention officer in a township or village where no fire 524  
department is established that the fire investigator is serving 525  
has specifically authorized the investigator to carry firearms 526  
while on duty. 527

(2) The fire investigator has done or received one of the 528  
following: 529

(a) The investigator has been awarded a certificate by the 530  
executive director of the Ohio peace officer training 531  
commission, which certificate attests to satisfactory completion 532  
of an approved state, county, or municipal basic training 533  
program or a program at the Ohio peace officer training academy 534  
that qualifies the investigator to carry firearms while on duty 535  
and that conforms to the rules adopted under section 109.7481 of 536  
the Revised Code. 537

(b) Prior to or during employment as a fire investigator 538  
and prior to the effective date of this section, the 539  
investigator has successfully completed a firearms training 540  
program, other than one described in division (A) (2) (a) of this 541  
section, that was approved by the Ohio peace officer training 542  
commission. 543

(B) A fire investigator to whom division (A) of this 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
<b>Section 4.</b> 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
<b>Section 5.</b> Sections 3 and 4 of this act take effect	1297
December 29, 2023.	1298
<b>Section 6.</b> 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