

AN ACT

To amend sections 4765.16 and 5503.01 and to enact sections 109.7410 and 4765.162 of the Revised Code to require emergency medical service personnel and peace officers to undergo dementia-related training and to increase the maximum allowable age for new state highway patrol troopers.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That sections 4765.16 and 5503.01 be amended and sections 109.7410 and 4765.162 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 109.7410. (A) As used in this section, "dementia" includes Alzheimer's disease or a related disorder.

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

(1) The amount of dementia-related training, which shall be determined in accordance with guidance from the Ohio peace officer training commission, if needed, that is necessary for satisfactory completion of basic training programs at approved peace officer training schools. The amount of dementia-related training determined under division (B)(1) of this section shall not exceed two hours.

(2) The amount of dementia-related training, which shall be determined in accordance with guidance from the Ohio peace officer training commission, if needed, that may be credited for continuing professional training. The amount of dementia-related training determined under division (B)(2) of this section shall not exceed one hour.

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

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

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

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

(4) Identifying and reporting incidents of abuse, neglect, and exploitation of individuals with dementia to the appropriate county department of job and family services in accordance with section 5101.63 of the Revised Code;

(5) Protocols for contacting caregivers when an individual with dementia is found wandering

or during an emergency or crisis situation:

(6) Local resources available for individuals with dementia;

(7) Local and national organizations that assist peace officers with locating missing and wandering individuals with dementia and returning them to their caregivers.

Sec. 4765.16. (A) All courses offered through an emergency medical services training program or an emergency medical services continuing education program, other than an ambulance driving course and the dementia-related training course developed under section 4765.162 of the Revised Code, shall be developed under the direction of a physician who specializes in emergency medicine. Each course that deals with trauma care shall be developed in consultation with a physician who specializes in trauma surgery. ~~Except~~

Except as specified by the state board of emergency medical, fire, and transportation services pursuant to rules adopted under section 4765.11 of the Revised Code, each course offered through a training program or continuing education program shall be taught by a person who holds the appropriate certificate to teach issued under section 4765.23 of the Revised Code.

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

(1) Emergency victim care;

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

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

(C) A training program for emergency medical technicians-basic shall meet the standards established in rules adopted by the board under section 4765.11 of the Revised Code. The program shall include courses in each of the following areas for at least the number of hours established by the board's rules:

(1) Emergency victim care;

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

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

(4) In-hospital training;

(5) Clinical training;

(6) Training as an ambulance driver;

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

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

(D) A training program for emergency medical technicians-intermediate shall meet the

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

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

(2) Venous access procedures;

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

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

(1) Medical terminology;

(2) Venous access procedures;

(3) Airway procedures;

(4) Patient assessment and triage;

(5) Acute cardiac care, including administration of parenteral injections, electrical interventions, and other emergency medical services;

(6) Emergency and trauma victim care beyond that required under division (C) of this section;

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

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

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

(B) The state board of emergency medical, fire, and transportation services, in consultation with the departments of aging and job and family services, shall develop a dementia-related training course to be included in all emergency medical services training programs accredited under section 4765.15 of the Revised Code and all emergency medical services continuing education programs approved under that section.

(C) The board shall adopt rules under section 4765.11 of the Revised Code governing the dementia-related training course developed under this section. The rules shall specify both of the following:

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

for satisfactory completion of the dementia-related training course included in an emergency medical services training program;

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

(D) The dementia-related training course developed under this section shall include instruction in all of the following:

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

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

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

(4) Identifying and reporting incidents of abuse, neglect, and exploitation of individuals with dementia to the appropriate county department of job and family services in accordance with section 5101.63 of the Revised Code;

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

(6) Local resources available for individuals with dementia;

(7) Local and national organizations that assist emergency medical service personnel with locating missing and wandering individuals with dementia and returning them to their caregivers.

Sec. 5503.01. There is hereby created in the department of public safety a division of state highway patrol which shall be administered by a superintendent of the state highway patrol.

The superintendent shall be appointed by the director of public safety, and shall serve at the director's pleasure. The superintendent shall hold the rank of colonel and be appointed from within the eligible ranks of the patrol. The superintendent shall give bond for the faithful performance of the superintendent's official duties in such amount and with such security as the director approves.

The superintendent, with the approval of the director, may appoint any number of state highway patrol troopers and radio operators as are necessary to carry out sections 5503.01 to 5503.06 of the Revised Code, but the number of troopers shall not be less than eight hundred eighty. The number of radio operators shall not exceed eighty in number. Except as provided in this section, at the time of appointment, troopers shall be not less than twenty-one years of age, nor have reached ~~thirty-five~~ forty years of age. A person who is attending a training school for prospective state highway patrol troopers established under section 5503.05 of the Revised Code and attains the age of ~~thirty-five~~ forty years during the person's period of attendance at that training school shall not be disqualified as over age and shall be permitted to continue to attend the training school as long as the person otherwise is eligible to do so. Such a person also remains eligible to be appointed a trooper. Any other person who attains or will attain the age of ~~thirty-five~~ forty years prior to the time of appointment shall be disqualified as over age.

At the time of appointment, troopers shall have been legal residents of Ohio for at least one year, except that this residence requirement may be waived by the superintendent.

If any state highway patrol troopers become disabled through accident or illness, the

superintendent, with the approval of the director, shall fill any vacancies through the appointment of other troopers from a qualified list to serve during the period of the disability.

The superintendent and state highway patrol troopers shall be vested with the authority of peace officers for the purpose of enforcing the laws of the state that it is the duty of the patrol to enforce and may arrest, without warrant, any person who, in the presence of the superintendent or any trooper, is engaged in the violation of any such laws. The state highway patrol troopers shall never be used as peace officers in connection with any strike or labor dispute.

Each state highway patrol trooper and radio operator, upon appointment and before entering upon official duties, shall take an oath of office for faithful performance of the trooper's or radio operator's official duties and execute a bond in the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, payable to the state and for the use and benefit of any aggrieved party who may have a cause of action against any trooper or radio operator for misconduct while in the performance of official duties. In no event shall the bond include any claim arising out of negligent operation of a motorcycle or motor vehicle used by a trooper or radio operator in the performance of official duties.

The superintendent shall prescribe a distinguishing uniform and badge which shall be worn by each state highway patrol trooper and radio operator while on duty, unless otherwise designated by the superintendent. No person shall wear the distinguishing uniform of the state highway patrol or the badge or any distinctive part of that uniform, except on order of the superintendent.

The superintendent, with the approval of the director, may appoint necessary clerks, stenographers, and employees.

SECTION 2. That existing sections 4765.16 and 5503.01 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed.

Speaker _____ *of the House of Representatives.*

President _____ *of the Senate.*

Passed _____, 20____

Approved _____, 20____

Governor.

The section numbering of law of a general and permanent nature is complete and in conformity with the Revised Code.

Director, Legislative Service Commission.

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Secretary of State.

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