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**A BILL**

To amend section 109.803 and to enact section 1  
109.802 of the Revised Code and to amend Section 2  
701.70 of H.B. 110 of the 134th General 3  
Assembly, as subsequently amended, to create the 4  
Law Enforcement Assistance Fund to reimburse for 5  
specified costs of peace officer and trooper 6  
continuing professional training, to create the 7  
Law Enforcement Equipment Fund to provide grants 8  
to small local law enforcement agencies to be 9  
used for purchasing law enforcement equipment, 10  
and to make an appropriation. 11

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

**Section 1.** That section 109.803 be amended and section 12  
109.802 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows: 13

**Sec. 109.802.** (A) (1) As used in this section: 14

(a) "Additional continuing professional training" means 15  
continuing professional training of peace officers and troopers 16  
that is in addition to the mandatory continuing professional 17  
training of the officers and troopers, and that is expressly 18  
preapproved by the Ohio peace officer training commission or 19

that is in a category of training expressly preapproved by the 20  
commission. 21

(b) "Costs related to continuing professional training" 22  
means all of the following: 23

(i) The salaries of peace officers and troopers earned 24  
while they are receiving mandatory or additional continuing 25  
professional training and while they are on duty in their 26  
official capacity, as based on the hourly wages of the officers 27  
and troopers; 28

(ii) The actual cost charged for training described in 29  
division (A) (1) (b) (i) of this section, by the entity providing 30  
the training; 31

(iii) Any amount paid to officers and troopers who work as 32  
replacements for the officers and troopers receiving training 33  
described in division (A) (1) (b) (i) of this section and that is 34  
overtime pay for those officers and troopers while working as 35  
replacements. 36

(c) "Full-time peace officer" means a peace officer who is 37  
in paid status for at least forty hours per week. 38

(d) "Mandatory continuing professional training" means the 39  
continuing professional training of peace officers and troopers 40  
that is required during or after calendar year 2023 under 41  
section 109.803 of the Revised Code, and that is expressly 42  
preapproved by the Ohio peace officer training commission or 43  
that is in a category of training expressly preapproved by the 44  
commission. 45

(e) "Peace officer," "trooper," and "appointing authority" 46  
have the same meanings as in section 109.803 of the Revised 47  
Code. 48

(f) "Qualifying law enforcement agency" means any 49  
municipal, township, or county law enforcement agency that 50  
employs not more than twenty-five full-time peace officers. 51

(2) The provisions of this section regarding reimbursement 52  
for costs related to mandatory and additional continuing 53  
professional training successfully completed by peace officers 54  
and troopers and grants to qualifying law enforcement agencies 55  
apply on and after the effective date of this section or July 1, 56  
2023, whichever is later. 57

(B) (1) There is hereby created in the state treasury the 58  
law enforcement assistance fund. The attorney general shall use 59  
the fund to pay reimbursements for costs related to mandatory or 60  
additional continuing professional training successfully 61  
completed by peace officers and troopers during or after 62  
calendar year 2023 as provided in this section and section 63  
109.803 of the Revised Code, compensation of any employees of 64  
the attorney general required to administer those sections, and 65  
any other administrative costs incurred by the attorney general 66  
to administer those sections. Money in the fund that is not 67  
distributed under divisions (B) to (F) of this section during 68  
any state fiscal year, commencing in state fiscal year 2024, 69  
shall be transferred at the end of that fiscal year to the law 70  
enforcement equipment fund established under division (G) of 71  
this section, to be used for making grants for the purposes 72  
specified in that division. 73

(2) The provisions of this section apply with respect to 74  
reimbursement for costs related to mandatory or additional 75  
continuing professional training that is successfully completed 76  
by peace officers and troopers during or after calendar year 77  
2023, subject to the maximum per calendar year specified in 78

division (C) of this section and to the limitations specified in 79  
division (D) (2) of this section, and to the provision of grants 80  
after that calendar year under division (G) of this section. 81

(C) The attorney general shall adopt rules in accordance 82  
with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code establishing application 83  
procedures, standards, and guidelines, and prescribing an 84  
application form, for the reimbursement, on a quarterly basis, 85  
of public appointing authorities for costs related to mandatory 86  
or additional continuing professional training that is 87  
successfully completed by their peace officers and troopers 88  
during or after calendar year 2023, subject to the maximum 89  
specified in this division and to the limitations specified in 90  
division (D) (2) of this section. The total number of hours of 91  
successfully completed training with respect to which 92  
reimbursement may be provided under this section, for mandatory 93  
continuing professional training plus any additional continuing 94  
professional training, shall not exceed forty hours in any 95  
calendar year. The rules shall include, but are not limited to, 96  
all of the following: 97

(1) A requirement that applications for reimbursement be 98  
submitted on a quarterly basis during a calendar year, with 99  
applications requesting reimbursement for costs related to 100  
training successfully completed in January, February, or March 101  
of a calendar year being submitted not later than the thirty- 102  
first day of March of that calendar year, applications 103  
requesting reimbursement for costs related to training 104  
successfully completed in April, May, or June of a calendar year 105  
being submitted not later than the thirtieth day of June of that 106  
calendar year, applications requesting reimbursement for costs 107  
related to training successfully completed in July, August, or 108  
September of a calendar year being submitted not later than the 109

thirtieth day of September of that calendar year, and 110  
applications requesting reimbursement for costs related to 111  
training successfully completed in October, November, and 112  
December of a calendar year being submitted not later than the 113  
thirty-first day of December of that calendar year; 114

(2) The documentation required to substantiate any costs 115  
for which the applicant seeks reimbursement, including 116  
documentation evidencing all of the following: 117

(a) The successful completion of the mandatory or 118  
additional continuing professional training with respect to 119  
which the applicant seeks reimbursement, the number of hours of 120  
that training that were for mandatory training, and the number 121  
of hours that were for additional training; 122

(b) The salaries of the officers and troopers while 123  
receiving the training described in division (C) (2) (a) of this 124  
section and on duty in their official capacity, as based on 125  
their hourly wages; 126

(c) The actual cost charged for the training described in 127  
division (C) (2) (a) of this section, by the entity providing the 128  
training; 129

(d) Any payment received from any other source to cover 130  
any amount of the salaries or actual costs described in division 131  
(C) (2) (b) or (c) of this section; 132

(e) The amount of any overtime paid to officers or 133  
troopers substituting for officers or troopers receiving the 134  
training described in division (C) (2) (a) of this section, and 135  
for which the applicant seeks reimbursement. 136

(3) Procedures for submitting applications for 137  
reimbursement for costs related to mandatory continuing 138

professional training successfully completed by a peace officer 139  
or trooper for whom the executive director of the Ohio peace 140  
officer training commission granted pursuant to division (A) (2) 141  
of section 109.803 of the Revised Code an extension of the time 142  
for compliance with the continuing professional training 143  
requirement specified in division (A) of that section, and for 144  
the payment of reimbursements for costs related to that 145  
training; 146

(4) Procedures for the payment of reimbursements from the 147  
fund on a quarterly basis, as described in division (D) (1) of 148  
this section, and standards for determining the amounts of those 149  
quarterly reimbursements; 150

(5) Any other requirements necessary for the proper 151  
administration of the reimbursement program. 152

(D) (1) The Ohio peace officer training commission shall 153  
administer a program for reimbursing public appointing 154  
authorities for costs related to mandatory or additional 155  
continuing professional training that is successfully completed 156  
by the appointing authority's peace officers or troopers during 157  
or after calendar year 2023. Reimbursements under the program 158  
shall be paid on a quarterly basis, not later than the fifteenth 159  
day of the month following the last month for which training is 160  
covered under the application in question. The commission shall 161  
administer the reimbursement program in accordance with rules 162  
adopted by the attorney general pursuant to division (C) of this 163  
section. 164

(2) No reimbursement shall be made under this section for 165  
any cost related to any mandatory or additional continuing 166  
professional training successfully completed by a peace officer 167  
or trooper prior to July 1, 2023. 168

All reimbursements to be made under this section shall be 169  
reduced by any payment received from any other source to cover 170  
either any amount of the salaries of the officers and troopers 171  
while receiving the training with respect to which the applicant 172  
seeks reimbursement or any amount of the actual cost charged for 173  
that training. 174

(E) Each public appointing authority may apply each 175  
quarter of a calendar year, by the dates specified in division 176  
(C) (1) of this section, to the peace officer training commission 177  
for reimbursement for costs related to mandatory or additional 178  
continuing professional training successfully completed by the 179  
appointing authority's peace officers or troopers during or 180  
after calendar year 2023. Reimbursement may be requested for 181  
both costs related to mandatory continuing professional training 182  
and costs related to additional continuing professional 183  
training, subject to the maximum per calendar year specified in 184  
division (C) of this section and to the limitations specified in 185  
division (D) (2) of this section. Each application shall be made 186  
in accordance with, on an application form prescribed in, and be 187  
supported by the documentation required by, the rules adopted by 188  
the attorney general pursuant to division (C) of this section. 189

(F) (1) The Ohio peace officer training commission, in 190  
accordance with rules of the attorney general adopted under 191  
division (C) of this section, shall review each application for 192  
reimbursement made under division (E) of this section to 193  
determine if the applicant is entitled to reimbursement for 194  
costs related to the mandatory or additional continuing 195  
professional training for which the applicant seeks 196  
reimbursement. Subject to division (F) (2) of this section, a 197  
public appointing authority that complies with division (B) of 198  
section 109.761 of the Revised Code and applies under division 199

(E) of this section for reimbursement is entitled to 200  
reimbursement, on a quarterly basis, for both costs related to 201  
mandatory continuing professional training and costs related to 202  
additional continuing professional training, successfully 203  
completed by each of the appointing authority's peace officers 204  
or troopers. The reimbursements are subject to the maximum per 205  
calendar year specified in division (C) of this section and to 206  
the limitations specified in division (D) (2) of this section. 207

(2) If a peace officer or trooper of the public appointing 208  
authority for whom the executive director of the commission 209  
granted an extension under division (A) (2) of section 109.803 of 210  
the Revised Code successfully completes mandatory continuing 211  
professional training during the period of the extension, the 212  
public appointing authority is entitled to reimbursement for 213  
costs related to the mandatory continuing professional training 214  
successfully completed by that peace officer or trooper, subject 215  
to the maximum per calendar year specified in division (C) of 216  
this section and to the limitations specified in division (D) (2) 217  
of this section. An application for reimbursement of the type 218  
described in this division shall be made in accordance with 219  
rules adopted by the attorney general pursuant to division (C) 220  
of this section, and reimbursements shall be made in accordance 221  
with those rules. 222

(3) If a public appointing authority that applies under 223  
division (E) of this section for reimbursement is entitled to 224  
reimbursement under division (F) (1) or (2) of this section for 225  
costs related to the mandatory or additional continuing 226  
professional training of each peace officer and trooper who 227  
successfully completes the training, the commission shall 228  
approve reimbursing the appointing authority for the costs 229  
related to that training, subject to the maximum per calendar 230



year specified in division (C) of this section and to the 231  
limitations specified in division (D) (2) of this section. 232  
Reimbursements under the program shall be paid on a quarterly 233  
basis, in accordance with divisions (C) and (D) of this section. 234

If a public appointing authority is entitled to 235  
reimbursement under division (F) (2) of this section for costs of 236  
mandatory or continuing professional training successfully 237  
completed by any of its peace officers or troopers, payment of 238  
the reimbursement shall not be withheld during the period of the 239  
extension granted to other peace officers or troopers of the 240  
authority under division (A) (2) of section 109.803 of the 241  
Revised Code, pending their compliance with the requirement for 242  
mandatory continuing professional training under that section. 243  
If a public appointing authority is entitled to reimbursement 244  
under division (F) (2) of this section and if one or more of its 245  
peace officers or troopers fails to complete the required 246  
minimum number of hours of continuing professional training set 247  
by the commission under division (A) (1) of section 109.803 of 248  
the Revised Code during the calendar year or during the period 249  
of an extension granted to the officer or trooper under division 250  
(A) (2) of section 109.803 of the Revised Code, the failure does 251  
not affect the reimbursement made to the public appointing 252  
authority, and the public appointing authority is not required 253  
to return the reimbursement or any portion of it. 254

(G) There is hereby created in the state treasury the law 255  
enforcement equipment fund. At the end of each fiscal year, 256  
commencing in fiscal year 2024, any surplus money in the law 257  
enforcement assistance fund shall be transferred to the law 258  
enforcement equipment fund. Money in the law enforcement 259  
equipment fund shall be distributed in the form of grants to 260  
qualifying law enforcement agencies to be used for the purchase 261

of law enforcement equipment, including, but not limited to, 262  
vehicles on state-bid contracts, leather goods, firearms, 263  
protective vests, and communications devices or materials. 264

The attorney general shall adopt rules in accordance with 265  
Chapter 119. of the Revised Code establishing application 266  
procedures, standards, and guidelines, and prescribing an 267  
application form, for grants under this division. 268

The Ohio peace officer training commission shall 269  
administer a program for providing grants under this division, 270  
in accordance with the rules adopted by the attorney general 271  
pursuant to this division. Qualifying law enforcement agencies 272  
may apply in accordance with those rules for grants under the 273  
program. Priority for the grants shall be given to qualifying 274  
law enforcement agencies based on their size and need, with 275  
smaller agencies being given preference for a grant. 276

(H) (1) Each public appointing authority that receives 277  
funds under divisions (B) to (F) of this section shall keep 278  
those funds separate from any other funds of the appointing 279  
authority and shall use those funds only for paying costs 280  
related to mandatory or additional continuing professional 281  
training. 282

(2) Each qualifying law enforcement agency that receives a 283  
grant under division (G) of this section shall keep the funds 284  
received under the grant separate from any other funds of the 285  
agency and shall use those funds only for the purchase of law 286  
enforcement equipment as specified in that division. 287

**Sec. 109.803.** (A) (1) Subject to divisions (A) (2) and (B) 288  
of this section, every appointing authority shall require each 289  
of its appointed peace officers and troopers to complete up to 290

twenty-four hours of continuing professional training each 291  
calendar year, as directed by the Ohio peace officer training 292  
commission. The number of hours directed by the commission, up 293  
to twenty-four hours, is intended to be a minimum requirement, 294  
and appointing authorities are encouraged to exceed the number 295  
of hours the commission directs as the minimum, provided that 296  
any reimbursement under section 109.802 of the Revised Code for 297  
the total amount of training completed is subject to the forty- 298  
hour maximum per calendar year specified in division (C) of that 299  
section and to the limitations specified in division (D) (2) of 300  
that section. The commission shall set the required minimum 301  
number of hours based upon available funding for reimbursement 302  
as described in this division. ~~If~~ Through calendar year 2022, if 303  
no funding for the reimbursement is available, no continuing 304  
professional training will be required. 305

(2) An appointing authority may submit a written request 306  
to the peace officer training commission that requests for a 307  
calendar year because of emergency circumstances an extension of 308  
the time within which one or more of its appointed peace 309  
officers or troopers must complete the required minimum number 310  
of hours of continuing professional training set by the 311  
commission, as described in division (A) (1) of this section. A 312  
request made under this division shall set forth the name of 313  
each of the appointing authority's peace officers or troopers 314  
for whom an extension is requested, identify the emergency 315  
circumstances related to that peace officer or trooper, include 316  
documentation of those emergency circumstances, and set forth 317  
the date on which the request is submitted to the commission. A 318  
request shall be made under this division not later than the 319  
fifteenth day of December in the calendar year for which the 320  
extension is requested. 321

Upon receipt of a written request made under this 322  
division, the executive director of the commission shall review 323  
the request and the submitted documentation. If the executive 324  
director of the commission is satisfied that emergency 325  
circumstances exist for any peace officer or trooper for whom a 326  
request was made under this division, the executive director may 327  
approve the request for that peace officer or trooper and grant 328  
an extension of the time within which that peace officer or 329  
trooper must complete the required minimum number of hours of 330  
continuing professional training set by the commission. An 331  
extension granted under this division may be for any period of 332  
time the executive director believes to be appropriate, and the 333  
executive director shall specify in the notice granting the 334  
extension the date on which the extension ends. Not later than 335  
thirty days after the date on which a request is submitted to 336  
the commission, for each peace officer and trooper for whom an 337  
extension is requested, the executive director either shall 338  
approve the request and grant an extension or deny the request 339  
and deny an extension and shall send to the appointing authority 340  
that submitted the request written notice of the executive 341  
director's decision. 342

If the executive director grants an extension of the time 343  
within which a particular appointed peace officer or trooper of 344  
an appointing authority must complete the required minimum 345  
number of hours of continuing professional training set by the 346  
commission, the appointing authority shall require that peace 347  
officer or trooper to complete the required minimum number of 348  
hours of training not later than the date on which the extension 349  
ends. 350

(B) With the advice of the Ohio peace officer training 351  
commission, the attorney general shall adopt in accordance with 352

Chapter 119. of the Revised Code rules setting forth minimum 353  
standards for continuing professional training for peace 354  
officers and troopers and governing the administration of 355  
continuing professional training programs for peace officers and 356  
troopers. The rules adopted by the attorney general under 357  
division (B) of this section shall do all of the following: 358

(1) Allow peace officers and troopers to earn credit for 359  
up to four hours of continuing professional training for time 360  
spent while on duty providing drug use prevention education 361  
training that utilizes evidence-based curricula to students in 362  
school districts, community schools established under Chapter 363  
3314., STEM schools established under Chapter 3326., and 364  
college-preparatory boarding schools established under Chapter 365  
3328. of the Revised Code. 366

(2) Allow a peace officer or trooper appointed by a law 367  
enforcement agency to earn hours of continuing professional 368  
training for other peace officers or troopers appointed by the 369  
law enforcement agency by providing drug use prevention 370  
education training under division (B)(1) of this section so that 371  
hours earned by the peace officer or trooper providing the 372  
training in excess of four hours may be applied to offset the 373  
number of continuing professional training hours required of 374  
another peace officer or trooper appointed by that law 375  
enforcement agency. 376

(3) Prohibit the use of continuing professional training 377  
hours earned under division (B)(1) or (2) of this section from 378  
being used to offset any mandatory hands-on training 379  
requirement. 380

(4) Require a peace officer to complete training on proper 381  
interactions with civilians during traffic stops and other in- 382

person encounters, which training shall have an online offering	383
and shall include all of the following topics:	384
(a) A person's rights during an interaction with a peace officer, including all of the following:	385
(i) When a peace officer may require a person to exit a vehicle;	387
(ii) Constitutional protections from illegal search and seizure;	388
(iii) The rights of a passenger in a vehicle who has been pulled over for a traffic stop;	389
(iv) The right for a citizen to record an encounter with a peace officer.	390
(b) Proper actions for interacting with a civilian and methods for diffusing a stressful encounter with a civilian;	391
(c) Laws regarding questioning and detention by peace officers, including any law requiring a person to present proof of identity to a peace officer, and the consequences for a person's or officer's failure to comply with those laws;	392
(d) Any other requirements and procedures necessary for the proper implementation of this section.	393
(C) The attorney general shall transmit a certified copy of any rule adopted under this section to the secretary of state.	394
(D) As used in this section:	395
(1) "Peace officer" has the same meaning as in section 109.71 of the Revised Code.	396
(2) "Trooper" means an individual appointed as a state	397
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highway patrol trooper under section 5503.01 of the Revised Code. 410  
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(3) "Appointing authority" means any agency or entity that appoints a peace officer or trooper. 412  
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**Section 2.** That existing section 109.803 of the Revised Code is hereby repealed. 414  
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**Section 3.** That Section 701.70 of H.B. 110 of the 134th General Assembly (as amended by H.B. 45 of the 134th General Assembly) be amended to read as follows: 416  
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**Sec. 701.70.** (A) (1) As used in this section: 419

(a) "Peace officer" has the same meaning as in section 109.71 of the Revised Code. 420  
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(b) "Trooper" means an individual appointed as a State Highway Patrol Trooper under section 5503.01 of the Revised Code. 422  
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~~(2)~~ (2) (a) Not later than December 1, 2021, the Attorney General shall create a pilot program for state funding of the training of peace officers and troopers that is required under section 109.803 of the Revised Code. The pilot program shall be administered by the office of the Attorney General, in accordance with this section. The pilot program shall be an eighteen-month program, to be in existence from January 1, 2022, until June 30, 2023. Commencing on the effective date of section 109.802 of the Revised Code, as enacted in the act in which this amendment is made, or July 1, 2023, whichever is later, funding of the training shall be in accordance with section 109.802 of the Revised Code. 425  
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(b) The pilot program under division (A) (2) of this 437

section shall consist of two components. The first component 438  
applies with respect to state funding under the pilot program 439  
during calendar year 2022 of the training of peace officers and 440  
troopers that is required under section 109.803 of the Revised 441  
Code, and shall be in existence only for calendar year 2022. 442  
Divisions (B) (1) to (4) of this section apply with respect to 443  
that first component. The second component applies with respect 444  
to state funding under the pilot program from January 1, 2023, 445  
until June 30, 2023, of the training of peace officers and 446  
troopers that is required under section 109.803 of the Revised 447  
Code. Divisions (C) (1) to (6) of this section apply with respect 448  
to that second component. After the expiration of the pilot 449  
program, state funding of the training of peace officers and 450  
troopers that is required under section 109.803 of the Revised 451  
Code shall be in accordance with section 109.802 of the Revised 452  
Code, commencing at the time specified in division (A) (2) (a) of 453  
this section. 454

(B) (1) Not later than December 2, 2021, each law 455  
enforcement agency that has peace officers or troopers who are 456  
subject to the training requirement set forth in section 109.803 457  
of the Revised Code shall certify to the Attorney General the 458  
total of all salaries to be paid in calendar year 2022 to 459  
officers or troopers of the agency who will receive that 460  
training in calendar year 2022 and the hourly rate of pay for 461  
each of those officers and troopers. 462

(2) Not later than January 1, 2022, the Attorney General 463  
shall begin the operation of the pilot program established under 464  
division (A) (2) of this section. Prior to that date, the 465  
Attorney General shall establish rules, under section 111.15 of 466  
the Revised Code, for the operation and administration of the 467  
component of the pilot program governed by division (B) of this 468



section, for the determination of eligibility for funding and 469  
payments under that component of the program, and for the 470  
provision of funding and payments under that component of the 471  
program, in accordance with division (B) of this section. From 472  
money appropriated to the Attorney General for the purposes of 473  
such payments under that component of the pilot program, the 474  
Attorney General shall pay to each law enforcement agency that 475  
has peace officers or troopers who are subject to the training 476  
requirement set forth in section 109.803 of the Revised Code an 477  
amount to cover up to fifty per cent of the total cost of the 478  
salaries of the officers or troopers of the agency to be paid to 479  
officers or troopers who will receive that training in calendar 480  
year 2022, as certified by the agency in accordance with 481  
division (B)(1) of this section, during the period of the 482  
training. The amount to be paid shall cover only the period 483  
during which the officers or troopers are receiving that 484  
training and shall not exceed an amount covering twenty-four 485  
hours of the training. If the amount of the money appropriated 486  
to the Attorney General for the purposes of the component of the 487  
pilot program governed by division (B) of this section is 488  
insufficient to pay fifty per cent of the total cost of the 489  
salaries of the peace officers or troopers of all law 490  
enforcement agencies to be paid in calendar year 2022 to 491  
officers or troopers who will receive that training in calendar 492  
year 2022, the amount to be paid to each such agency shall be 493  
reduced proportionately so that each agency is paid an equal 494  
percentage of its cost in the year for the training. No payment 495  
shall be made to any law enforcement agency under division (B) 496  
of this section after January 1, 2023. If a law enforcement 497  
agency that receives money under this division does not use all 498  
of the money for the salaries certified by the agency in 499  
accordance with division (B)(1) of this section, the agency 500

shall retain all of the money not used and shall use the 501  
retained money only for paying the cost of future continuing 502  
professional training programs for its peace officers and 503  
troopers. 504

A law enforcement agency that receives any payments under 505  
this division shall be responsible for paying the cost of 506  
training of its peace officers or troopers required under 507  
section 109.803 of the Revised Code that exceeds the amount of 508  
the payment received under the pilot program under this 509  
division. 510

(3) Except as otherwise provided in this division, state 511  
funding for the training of peace officers or troopers that is 512  
required under section 109.803 of the Revised Code shall be 513  
provided in calendar year 2022 only in accordance with division 514  
(B) (2) of this section, notwithstanding former section 109.802 515  
of the Revised Code as it existed prior to September 20, 2021, 516  
rule 109:2-18-04 of the Administrative Code, and any other 517  
provision of law that addresses any alternative method of state 518  
funding for such training. The limitation specified in this 519  
division does not apply with respect to direct appropriations 520  
made to a state law enforcement agency ~~or~~, with respect to 521  
funding in accordance with division (C) of this section as that 522  
division exists on and after the effective date of this 523  
amendment, or with respect to funding in accordance with section 524  
109.802 of the Revised Code as that section exists on and after 525  
the effective date of this amendment. 526

(4) Each law enforcement agency that receives money under 527  
division (B) (2) of this section shall submit to the Attorney 528  
General, by the date specified by the Attorney General, a report 529  
that states the amount of money the agency received, how that 530

money was used, when it was used, and any other information with 531  
respect to the use of the money that is required by the Attorney 532  
General. The Attorney General shall prepare a report that 533  
compiles the information in the reports received from law 534  
enforcement agencies under this division and submit the report 535  
to the General Assembly and the Legislative Service Commission. 536

(C) (1) From money appropriated to the Attorney General for 537  
the purposes of payments under the component of the pilot 538  
program governed by division (C) of this section, the Attorney 539  
General shall pay reimbursements in accordance with division (C) 540  
of this section for continuing professional training programs 541  
for peace officers and troopers as provided in section 109.803 542  
of the Revised Code. 543

(2) The Attorney General shall establish rules, under 544  
section 111.15 of the Revised Code, specifying application 545  
procedures, standards, and guidelines, and prescribing an 546  
application form, for the reimbursement under division (C) of 547  
this section of law enforcement agencies for the cost of 548  
continuing professional training programs for their peace 549  
officers and troopers that is required under section 109.803 of 550  
the Revised Code. The rules shall include, but are not limited 551  
to, all of the following: 552

(a) The date by which applications must be made and the 553  
documentation required to substantiate any costs for which the 554  
applicant seeks reimbursement; 555

(b) Procedures for making reimbursements from the fund and 556  
standards for determining the amounts of those reimbursements; 557

(c) Any other requirements necessary for the proper 558  
administration of the reimbursement program under division (C) 559

of this section. 560

(3) Each law enforcement agency may apply to the Attorney 561  
General for reimbursement under division (C) of this section for 562  
the costs of continuing professional training programs that are 563  
successfully completed by the agency's peace officers or 564  
troopers. Each application shall be made in accordance with, on 565  
an application form prescribed in, and be supported by the 566  
documentation required by, the rules adopted by the Attorney 567  
General pursuant to division (C)(2) of this section. 568

(4) The Attorney General shall review each application for 569  
reimbursement made under division (C)(3) of this section to 570  
determine if the applicant is entitled to reimbursement for the 571  
training programs for which the applicant seeks reimbursement. A 572  
law enforcement agency that complies with division (B) of 573  
section 109.761 of the Revised Code and applies under division 574  
(C)(3) of this section for reimbursement is entitled to 575  
reimbursement for each of the agency's peace officers or 576  
troopers who timely complies with the continuing professional 577  
training requirement specified in division (A)(1) of section 578  
109.803 of the Revised Code by completing the minimum number of 579  
hours of training directed by the Ohio peace officer training 580  
commission under that division and with the other requirements 581  
described in that division. 582

(5) If a law enforcement agency that applies under 583  
division (C)(3) of this section for reimbursement is entitled to 584  
reimbursement under division (C)(4) of this section for each 585  
peace officer and trooper who successfully completes a training 586  
program, the commission shall approve reimbursing the agency for 587  
the cost of that program. The actual amount of reimbursement for 588  
each authorized training program shall be determined by rules 589

adopted by the Attorney General under division (C) (2) of this section. 590  
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(6) (a) Each law enforcement agency that receives funds 592  
under division (C) (4) this section shall keep those funds 593  
separate from any other funds of the agency and shall use those 594  
funds only for paying the cost of continuing professional 595  
training programs. 596

(b) If a law enforcement agency that receives funds for 597  
reimbursement under division (C) (4) of this section for peace 598  
officers or troopers who successfully complete a training 599  
program does not use all of the funds received for such a 600  
reimbursement, the agency shall retain all of the funds not used 601  
and shall use the retained funds only for paying the cost of 602  
future continuing professional training programs for its peace 603  
officers and troopers. 604

(c) A law enforcement agency that receives funds for 605  
reimbursement under division (C) (4) of this section shall be 606  
responsible for paying the cost of training of its peace 607  
officers or troopers required under section 109.803 of the 608  
Revised Code that exceeds the amount of the payment received 609  
under the pilot program under division (C) of this section. 610

(D) (1) There is created the Law Enforcement Training 611  
Funding Study Commission. The Commission shall consist of the 612  
following twelve members: 613

(a) The Attorney General or a designee of the Attorney 614  
General who has experience in law enforcement funding issues; 615

(b) The Director of Public Safety or a designee of the 616  
Director who has experience in law enforcement funding issues; 617

(c) Three members of the House of Representatives 618

appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, with 619  
not more than two of the persons appointed as members being 620  
members of the same political party; 621

(d) Three members of the Senate appointed by the President 622  
of the Senate, with not more than two of the persons appointed 623  
as members being members of the same political party; 624

(e) Four members of the public appointed by the Governor, 625  
with each such member having a law enforcement background. 626

(2) The Speaker of the House of Representatives, the 627  
President of the Senate, and the Governor shall make their 628  
initial appointments to the Law Enforcement Training Funding 629  
Study Commission not later than October 30, 2021. 630

(3) If an appointed member of the Law Enforcement Training 631  
Funding Study Commission ceases to hold the position that led to 632  
the member's appointment, the member is disqualified and a 633  
vacancy occurs. Vacancies of appointed members shall be filled 634  
in the same manner as original appointments. 635

(4) The Law Enforcement Training Funding Study Commission 636  
shall hold its first meeting not later than October 30, 2021, 637  
regardless of whether all members have been appointed under 638  
division (D) (2) of this section. At its first meeting, the 639  
Commission shall select a chairperson, and also shall select a 640  
vice-chairperson to perform in the absence of the chairperson. 641  
The Commission shall adopt procedures to govern its proceedings 642  
and shall meet as necessary at the call of the chairperson or on 643  
the written request of a majority of its members. A majority of 644  
serving Commission members constitutes a quorum. Formal 645  
recommendations shall be made by a vote of a majority of the 646  
quorum present. Commission meetings shall be open to the public 647

under section 121.22 of the Revised Code. The Commission shall 648  
keep minutes of its meetings as public records under section 649  
149.43 of the Revised Code. 650

(5) Members of the Law Enforcement Training Funding Study 651  
Commission shall serve without compensation. 652

(6) The Law Enforcement Training Funding Study Commission 653  
shall study possible long-term methods for the provision of 654  
state funding to law enforcement agencies for the training of 655  
their peace officers and troopers that is required under section 656  
109.803 of the Revised Code. The Commission shall evaluate the 657  
plans for the pilot program established under division (A) of 658  
this section, with respect to funding to be provided under 659  
division (B) of this section, as part of the study. Upon 660  
completion of the study, the Commission shall prepare a report 661  
of its findings and recommendations for a long-term method for 662  
the provision of state funding to law enforcement agencies for 663  
the training of their peace officers and troopers that is 664  
required under section 109.803 of the Revised Code. Not later 665  
than March 1, 2022, the Commission shall submit the report to 666  
the Governor, the General Assembly, the Attorney General, and 667  
the Legislative Service Commission. Upon submission of the 668  
report, the Commission shall cease to exist. 669

**Section 4.** That existing Section 701.70 of H.B. 110 of the 670  
134th General Assembly (as amended by H.B. 45 of the 134th 671  
General Assembly) is hereby repealed. 672

**Section 5.** All items in this act are hereby appropriated 673  
as designated out of any moneys in the state treasury to the 674  
credit of the designated fund. For all operating appropriations 675  
made in this act, those in the first column are for fiscal year 676  
2024 and those in the second column are for fiscal year 2025. 677

The operating appropriations made in this act are in addition to 678  
any other operating appropriations made for these fiscal years. 679

**Section 6.** 680

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A	AGO ATTORNEY GENERAL				
B	Dedicated Purpose Fund Group				
C	5L50	055619	Law Enforcement Assistance Program	\$40,000,000	\$40,000,000
D	TOTAL DPF Dedicated Purpose Fund Group			\$40,000,000	\$40,000,000
E	TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS			\$40,000,000	\$40,000,000

GENERAL REVENUE FUND TRANSFER TO LAW ENFORCEMENT 682  
ASSISTANCE FUND 683

On July 1 of each fiscal year of the biennium ending June 684  
30, 2025, or as soon as possible thereafter, the Director of 685  
Budget and Management shall transfer \$40,000,000 cash from the 686  
General Revenue Fund to the Law Enforcement Assistance Fund 687  
(Fund 5L50). 688

The foregoing appropriation item 055619, Law Enforcement 689  
Assistance Program, shall be used by the Attorney General to pay 690  
reimbursements for costs related to mandatory and additional 691  
continuing professional training for peace officers and troopers 692  
as provided in sections 109.802 and 109.803 of the Revised Code, 693  
compensation of any employees of the Attorney General required 694



to administer those sections, and any other administrative costs 695  
incurred by the Attorney General to administer those sections. 696

LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE FUND TRANSFER TO THE LAW 697  
ENFORCEMENT EQUIPMENT FUND 698

On June 30 of each fiscal year, or as soon as possible 699  
thereafter, the Attorney General shall certify to the Director 700  
of Budget and Management the unexpended, unencumbered balance of 701  
the Law Enforcement Assistance Fund remaining at the end of the 702  
fiscal year. The Director of Budget and Management shall 703  
transfer the amounts certified, or an amount jointly determined 704  
by the Director of Budget and Management and the Attorney 705  
General as surplus pursuant to division (G) of section 109.802 706  
of the Revised Code, to the credit of the Law Enforcement 707  
Equipment Fund created in division (G) of section 109.802 of the 708  
Revised Code. The funds shall be distributed in the form of 709  
grants to qualifying law enforcement agencies to be used for the 710  
stated purposes in division (G) of section 109.802 of the 711  
Revised Code. 712

**Section 7.** Within the limits set forth in this act, the 713  
Director of Budget and Management shall establish accounts 714  
indicating the source and amount of funds for each appropriation 715  
made in this act, and shall determine the manner in which 716  
appropriation accounts shall be maintained. Expenditures from 717  
operating appropriations contained in this act shall be 718  
accounted for as though made in, and are subject to all 719  
applicable provisions of, the main operating appropriations act 720  
of the 135th General Assembly. 721