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To amend sections 109.73 and 109.79 and to enact 1
section 109.745 of the Revised Code to require 2
peace officer basic training programs to include 3
training regarding persons with autism or other 4
developmental disabilities. 5

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

Section 1. That sections 109.73 and 109.79 be amended and 6
section 109.745 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows: 7

Sec. 109.73. (A) The Ohio peace officer training commission 8
shall recommend rules to the attorney general with respect to all 9
of the following: 10

(1) The approval, or revocation of approval, of peace officer 11
training schools administered by the state, counties, municipal 12
corporations, public school districts, technical college 13
districts, and the department of natural resources; 14

(2) Minimum courses of study, attendance requirements, and 15
equipment and facilities to be required at approved state, county, 16
municipal, and department of natural resources peace officer 17
training schools; 18

(3) Minimum qualifications for instructors at approved state, county, municipal, and department of natural resources peace officer training schools;

(4) The requirements of minimum basic training that peace officers appointed to probationary terms shall complete before being eligible for permanent appointment, which requirements shall include a minimum of fifteen hours of training in the handling of the offense of domestic violence, other types of domestic violence-related offenses and incidents, and protection orders and consent agreements issued or approved under section 2919.26 or 3113.31 of the Revised Code; a minimum of six hours of crisis intervention training; a minimum of three hours of training that addresses how to identify and interact with persons with autism or other developmental disabilities, how to reduce barriers to reporting crimes committed by or against persons with autism or other developmental disabilities, and the unique challenges presented by cases involving offenders, victims, or witnesses with autism or other developmental disabilities; and a specified amount of training in the handling of missing children and child abuse and neglect cases; and the time within which such basic training shall be completed following appointment to a probationary term;

(5) The requirements of minimum basic training that peace officers not appointed for probationary terms but appointed on other than a permanent basis shall complete in order to be eligible for continued employment or permanent appointment, which requirements shall include a minimum of fifteen hours of training in the handling of the offense of domestic violence, other types of domestic violence-related offenses and incidents, and protection orders and consent agreements issued or approved under section 2919.26 or 3113.31 of the Revised Code; ~~and~~ a minimum of six hours of crisis intervention training, ~~and~~ a minimum of three hours of training that addresses how to identify and interact with

persons with autism or other developmental disabilities, how to 51
reduce barriers to reporting crimes committed by or against 52
persons with autism or other developmental disabilities, and the 53
unique challenges presented by cases involving offenders, victims, 54
or witnesses with autism or other developmental disabilities; a 55
specified amount of training in the handling of missing children 56
and child abuse and neglect cases⁷ⁱ and the time within which such 57
basic training shall be completed following appointment on other 58
than a permanent basis; 59

(6) Categories or classifications of advanced in-service 60
training programs for peace officers, including programs in the 61
handling of the offense of domestic violence, other types of 62
domestic violence-related offenses and incidents, and protection 63
orders and consent agreements issued or approved under section 64
2919.26 or 3113.31 of the Revised Code⁷ⁱ in crisis intervention⁷ 65
and; in identifying and interacting with persons with autism or 66
other developmental disabilities and any other topics relevant to 67
law enforcement regarding persons with autism or other 68
developmental disabilities; in the handling of missing children 69
and child abuse and neglect cases⁷ⁱ and minimum courses of study 70
and attendance requirements with respect to such categories or 71
classifications; 72

(7) Permitting persons, who are employed as members of a 73
campus police department appointed under section 1713.50 of the 74
Revised Code; who are employed as police officers by a qualified 75
nonprofit corporation police department pursuant to section 76
1702.80 of the Revised Code; who are appointed and commissioned as 77
bank, savings and loan association, savings bank, credit union, or 78
association of banks, savings and loan associations, savings 79
banks, or credit unions police officers, as railroad police 80
officers, or as hospital police officers pursuant to sections 81
4973.17 to 4973.22 of the Revised Code; or who are appointed and 82

commissioned as amusement park police officers pursuant to section 83
4973.17 of the Revised Code, to attend approved peace officer 84
training schools, including the Ohio peace officer training 85
academy, and to receive certificates of satisfactory completion of 86
basic training programs, if the private college or university that 87
established the campus police department; qualified nonprofit 88
corporation police department; bank, savings and loan association, 89
savings bank, credit union, or association of banks, savings and 90
loan associations, savings banks, or credit unions; railroad 91
company; hospital; or amusement park sponsoring the police 92
officers pays the entire cost of the training and certification 93
and if trainee vacancies are available; 94

(8) Permitting undercover drug agents to attend approved 95
peace officer training schools, other than the Ohio peace officer 96
training academy, and to receive certificates of satisfactory 97
completion of basic training programs, if, for each undercover 98
drug agent, the county, township, or municipal corporation that 99
employs that undercover drug agent pays the entire cost of the 100
training and certification; 101

(9)(a) The requirements for basic training programs for 102
bailiffs and deputy bailiffs of courts of record of this state and 103
for criminal investigators employed by the state public defender 104
that those persons shall complete before they may carry a firearm 105
while on duty; 106

(b) The requirements for any training received by a bailiff 107
or deputy bailiff of a court of record of this state or by a 108
criminal investigator employed by the state public defender prior 109
to June 6, 1986, that is to be considered equivalent to the 110
training described in division (A)(9)(a) of this section. 111

(10) Establishing minimum qualifications and requirements for 112
certification for dogs utilized by law enforcement agencies; 113

(11) Establishing minimum requirements for certification of persons who are employed as correction officers in a full-service jail, five-day facility, or eight-hour holding facility or who provide correction services in such a jail or facility;

(12) Establishing requirements for the training of agents of a county humane society under section 1717.06 of the Revised Code, including, without limitation, a requirement that the agents receive instruction on traditional animal husbandry methods and training techniques, including customary owner-performed practices.

(B) The commission shall appoint an executive director, with the approval of the attorney general, who shall hold office during the pleasure of the commission. The executive director shall perform such duties assigned by the commission. The executive director shall receive a salary fixed pursuant to Chapter 124. of the Revised Code and reimbursement for expenses within the amounts available by appropriation. The executive director may appoint officers, employees, agents, and consultants as the executive director considers necessary, prescribe their duties, and provide for reimbursement of their expenses within the amounts available for reimbursement by appropriation and with the approval of the commission.

(C) The commission may do all of the following:

(1) Recommend studies, surveys, and reports to be made by the executive director regarding the carrying out of the objectives and purposes of sections 109.71 to 109.77 of the Revised Code;

(2) Visit and inspect any peace officer training school that has been approved by the executive director or for which application for approval has been made;

(3) Make recommendations, from time to time, to the executive director, the attorney general, and the general assembly regarding

the carrying out of the purposes of sections 109.71 to 109.77 of 145
the Revised Code; 146

(4) Report to the attorney general from time to time, and to 147
the governor and the general assembly at least annually, 148
concerning the activities of the commission; 149

(5) Establish fees for the services the commission offers 150
under sections 109.71 to 109.79 of the Revised Code, including, 151
but not limited to, fees for training, certification, and testing; 152

(6) Perform such other acts as are necessary or appropriate 153
to carry out the powers and duties of the commission as set forth 154
in sections 109.71 to 109.77 of the Revised Code. 155

(D) In establishing the requirements, under division (A)(12) 156
of this section, the commission may consider any portions of the 157
curriculum for instruction on the topic of animal husbandry 158
practices, if any, of the Ohio state university college of 159
veterinary medicine. No person or entity that fails to provide 160
instruction on traditional animal husbandry methods and training 161
techniques, including customary owner-performed practices, shall 162
qualify to train a humane agent for appointment under section 163
1717.06 of the Revised Code. 164

Sec. 109.745. The attorney general shall adopt, in accordance 165
with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code or pursuant to section 166
109.74 of the Revised Code, rules governing the training of peace 167
officers regarding identifying and interacting with persons with 168
autism or other developmental disabilities, reducing barriers to 169
reporting crimes committed by or against persons with autism or 170
other developmental disabilities, and addressing the unique 171
challenges presented by cases involving offenders, victims, or 172
witnesses with autism or other developmental disabilities. The 173
rules shall specify three or more hours of training of that nature 174
for the satisfactory completion of basic training programs at 175

approved peace officer training schools, other than the Ohio peace officer training academy. 176
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Sec. 109.79. (A) The Ohio peace officer training commission 178
shall establish and conduct a training school for law enforcement 179
officers of any political subdivision of the state or of the state 180
public defender's office. The school shall be known as the Ohio 181
peace officer training academy. No bailiff or deputy bailiff of a 182
court of record of this state and no criminal investigator 183
employed by the state public defender shall be permitted to attend 184
the academy for training unless the employing court of the bailiff 185
or deputy bailiff or the state public defender, whichever is 186
applicable, has authorized the bailiff, deputy bailiff, or 187
investigator to attend the academy. 188

The Ohio peace officer training commission shall develop the 189
training program, which shall include courses in both the civil 190
and criminal functions of law enforcement officers~~,; a course in~~ 191
crisis intervention with six or more hours of training~~, and;~~ 192
training in the handling of missing children and child abuse and 193
neglect cases~~, and;~~ and a minimum of three hours of training that 194
addresses how to identify and interact with persons with autism or 195
other developmental disabilities, how to reduce barriers to 196
reporting crimes committed by or against persons with autism or 197
other developmental disabilities, and the unique challenges 198
presented by cases involving offenders, victims, or witnesses with 199
autism or other developmental disabilities. 200

The Ohio peace officer training commission shall establish 201
rules governing qualifications for admission to the academy. The 202
commission may require competitive examinations to determine 203
fitness of prospective trainees, so long as the examinations or 204
other criteria for admission to the academy are consistent with 205
the provisions of Chapter 124. of the Revised Code. 206

The Ohio peace officer training commission shall determine 207
tuition costs sufficient in the aggregate to pay the costs of 208
operating the academy. The costs of acquiring and equipping the 209
academy shall be paid from appropriations made by the general 210
assembly to the Ohio peace officer training commission for that 211
purpose, from gifts or grants received for that purpose, or from 212
fees for goods related to the academy. 213

The law enforcement officers, during the period of their 214
training, shall receive compensation as determined by the 215
political subdivision that sponsors them or, if the officer is a 216
criminal investigator employed by the state public defender, as 217
determined by the state public defender. The political subdivision 218
may pay the tuition costs of the law enforcement officers they 219
sponsor and the state public defender may pay the tuition costs of 220
criminal investigators of that office who attend the academy. 221

If trainee vacancies exist, the academy may train and issue 222
certificates of satisfactory completion to peace officers who are 223
employed by a campus police department pursuant to section 1713.50 224
of the Revised Code, by a qualified nonprofit corporation police 225
department pursuant to section 1702.80 of the Revised Code, or by 226
a railroad company, who are amusement park police officers 227
appointed and commissioned by a judge of the appropriate municipal 228
court or county court pursuant to section 4973.17 of the Revised 229
Code, or who are bank, savings and loan association, savings bank, 230
credit union, or association of banks, savings and loan 231
associations, savings banks, or credit unions, or hospital police 232
officers appointed and commissioned by the secretary of state 233
pursuant to sections 4973.17 to 4973.22 of the Revised Code, 234
provided that no such officer shall be trained at the academy 235
unless the officer meets the qualifications established for 236
admission to the academy and the qualified nonprofit corporation 237
police department; bank, savings and loan association, savings 238

bank, credit union, or association of banks, savings and loan 239
associations, savings banks, or credit unions; railroad company; 240
hospital; or amusement park or the private college or university 241
that established the campus police department prepays the entire 242
cost of the training. A qualified nonprofit corporation police 243
department; bank, savings and loan association, savings bank, 244
credit union, or association of banks, savings and loan 245
associations, savings banks, or credit unions; railroad company; 246
hospital; or amusement park or a private college or university 247
that has established a campus police department is not entitled to 248
reimbursement from the state for any amount paid for the cost of 249
training the bank, savings and loan association, savings bank, 250
credit union, or association of banks, savings and loan 251
associations, savings banks, or credit unions peace officers; the 252
railroad company's peace officers; or the peace officers of the 253
qualified nonprofit corporation police department, campus police 254
department, hospital, or amusement park. 255

The academy shall permit investigators employed by the state 256
medical board to take selected courses that the board determines 257
are consistent with its responsibilities for initial and 258
continuing training of investigators as required under sections 259
4730.26 and 4731.05 of the Revised Code. The board shall pay the 260
entire cost of training that investigators receive at the academy. 261

(B) As used in this section: 262

(1) "Law enforcement officers" include any undercover drug 263
agent, any bailiff or deputy bailiff of a court of record, and any 264
criminal investigator who is employed by the state public 265
defender. 266

(2) "Undercover drug agent" means any person who: 267

(a) Is employed by a county, township, or municipal 268
corporation for the purposes set forth in division (B)(2)(b) of 269

this section but who is not an employee of a county sheriff's 270
department, of a township constable, or of the police department 271
of a municipal corporation or township; 272

(b) In the course of the person's employment by a county, 273
township, or municipal corporation, investigates and gathers 274
information pertaining to persons who are suspected of violating 275
Chapter 2925. or 3719. of the Revised Code, and generally does not 276
wear a uniform in the performance of the person's duties. 277

(3) "Crisis intervention training" has the same meaning as in 278
section 109.71 of the Revised Code. 279

(4) "Missing children" has the same meaning as in section 280
2901.30 of the Revised Code. 281

Section 2. That existing sections 109.73 and 109.79 of the 282
Revised Code are hereby repealed. 283