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A BILL

To amend section 109.73 and to enact section 1731.65 1
of the Revised Code to require the Peace Officer 2
Training Commission to develop recommendations for 3
advanced in-service training of peace officers in 4
conducting law enforcement activities in a higher 5
education setting and to provide qualified 6
immunity to an officer or employee of a private 7
college or university who reports a potential 8
safety risk at the college or university. 9
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BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 109.73 be amended and section 1713.65 11
of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows: 12

Sec. 109.73. (A) The Ohio peace officer training commission 13
shall recommend rules to the attorney general with respect to all 14
of the following: 15

(1) The approval, or revocation of approval, of peace officer 16
training schools administered by the state, counties, municipal 17
corporations, public school districts, technical college 18

districts, and the department of natural resources;	19
(2) Minimum courses of study, attendance requirements, and	20
equipment and facilities to be required at approved state, county,	21
municipal, and department of natural resources peace officer	22
training schools;	23
(3) Minimum qualifications for instructors at approved state,	24
county, municipal, and department of natural resources peace	25
officer training schools;	26
(4) The requirements of minimum basic training that peace	27
officers appointed to probationary terms shall complete before	28
being eligible for permanent appointment, which requirements shall	29
include a minimum of fifteen hours of training in the handling of	30
the offense of domestic violence, other types of domestic	31
violence-related offenses and incidents, and protection orders and	32
consent agreements issued or approved under section 2919.26 or	33
3113.31 of the Revised Code; a minimum of six hours of crisis	34
intervention training; and a specified amount of training in the	35
handling of missing children and child abuse and neglect cases;	36
and the time within which such basic training shall be completed	37
following appointment to a probationary term;	38
(5) The requirements of minimum basic training that peace	39
officers not appointed for probationary terms but appointed on	40
other than a permanent basis shall complete in order to be	41
eligible for continued employment or permanent appointment, which	42
requirements shall include a minimum of fifteen hours of training	43
in the handling of the offense of domestic violence, other types	44
of domestic violence-related offenses and incidents, and	45
protection orders and consent agreements issued or approved under	46
section 2919.26 or 3113.31 of the Revised Code, a minimum of six	47
hours of crisis intervention training, and a specified amount of	48
training in the handling of missing children and child abuse and	49
neglect cases, and the time within which such basic training shall	50

be completed following appointment on other than a permanent 51
basis; 52

(6) Categories or classifications of advanced in-service 53
training programs for peace officers, including programs in the 54
handling of the offense of domestic violence, other types of 55
domestic violence-related offenses and incidents, and protection 56
orders and consent agreements issued or approved under section 57
2919.26 or 3113.31 of the Revised Code, in crisis intervention, 58
~~and~~ in the handling of missing children and child abuse and 59
neglect cases, and in the conduct of law enforcement activities in 60
a higher education setting, and minimum courses of study and 61
attendance requirements with respect to such categories or 62
classifications; 63

(7) Permitting persons, who are employed as members of a 64
campus police department appointed under section 1713.50 of the 65
Revised Code; who are employed as police officers by a qualified 66
nonprofit corporation police department pursuant to section 67
1702.80 of the Revised Code; who are appointed and commissioned as 68
bank, savings and loan association, savings bank, credit union, or 69
association of banks, savings and loan associations, savings 70
banks, or credit unions police officers, as railroad police 71
officers, or as hospital police officers pursuant to sections 72
4973.17 to 4973.22 of the Revised Code; or who are appointed and 73
commissioned as amusement park police officers pursuant to section 74
4973.17 of the Revised Code, to attend approved peace officer 75
training schools, including the Ohio peace officer training 76
academy, and to receive certificates of satisfactory completion of 77
basic training programs, if the private college or university that 78
established the campus police department; qualified nonprofit 79
corporation police department; bank, savings and loan association, 80
savings bank, credit union, or association of banks, savings and 81
loan associations, savings banks, or credit unions; railroad 82

company; hospital; or amusement park sponsoring the police 83
officers pays the entire cost of the training and certification 84
and if trainee vacancies are available; 85

(8) Permitting undercover drug agents to attend approved 86
peace officer training schools, other than the Ohio peace officer 87
training academy, and to receive certificates of satisfactory 88
completion of basic training programs, if, for each undercover 89
drug agent, the county, township, or municipal corporation that 90
employs that undercover drug agent pays the entire cost of the 91
training and certification; 92

(9)(a) The requirements for basic training programs for 93
bailiffs and deputy bailiffs of courts of record of this state and 94
for criminal investigators employed by the state public defender 95
that those persons shall complete before they may carry a firearm 96
while on duty; 97

(b) The requirements for any training received by a bailiff 98
or deputy bailiff of a court of record of this state or by a 99
criminal investigator employed by the state public defender prior 100
to June 6, 1986, that is to be considered equivalent to the 101
training described in division (A)(9)(a) of this section. 102

(10) Establishing minimum qualifications and requirements for 103
certification for dogs utilized by law enforcement agencies; 104

(11) Establishing minimum requirements for certification of 105
persons who are employed as correction officers in a full-service 106
jail, five-day facility, or eight-hour holding facility or who 107
provide correction services in such a jail or facility; 108

(12) Establishing requirements for the training of agents of 109
a county humane society under section 1717.06 of the Revised Code, 110
including, without limitation, a requirement that the agents 111
receive instruction on traditional animal husbandry methods and 112
training techniques, including customary owner-performed 113

practices. 114

(B) The commission shall appoint an executive director, with 115
the approval of the attorney general, who shall hold office during 116
the pleasure of the commission. The executive director shall 117
perform such duties assigned by the commission. The executive 118
director shall receive a salary fixed pursuant to Chapter 124. of 119
the Revised Code and reimbursement for expenses within the amounts 120
available by appropriation. The executive director may appoint 121
officers, employees, agents, and consultants as the executive 122
director considers necessary, prescribe their duties, and provide 123
for reimbursement of their expenses within the amounts available 124
for reimbursement by appropriation and with the approval of the 125
commission. 126

(C) The commission may do all of the following: 127

(1) Recommend studies, surveys, and reports to be made by the 128
executive director regarding the carrying out of the objectives 129
and purposes of sections 109.71 to 109.77 of the Revised Code; 130

(2) Visit and inspect any peace officer training school that 131
has been approved by the executive director or for which 132
application for approval has been made; 133

(3) Make recommendations, from time to time, to the executive 134
director, the attorney general, and the general assembly regarding 135
the carrying out of the purposes of sections 109.71 to 109.77 of 136
the Revised Code; 137

(4) Report to the attorney general from time to time, and to 138
the governor and the general assembly at least annually, 139
concerning the activities of the commission; 140

(5) Establish fees for the services the commission offers 141
under sections 109.71 to 109.79 of the Revised Code, including, 142
but not limited to, fees for training, certification, and testing; 143

(6) Perform such other acts as are necessary or appropriate 144
to carry out the powers and duties of the commission as set forth 145
in sections 109.71 to 109.77 of the Revised Code. 146

(D) In establishing the requirements, under division (A)(12) 147
of this section, the commission may consider any portions of the 148
curriculum for instruction on the topic of animal husbandry 149
practices, if any, of the Ohio state university college of 150
veterinary medicine. No person or entity that fails to provide 151
instruction on traditional animal husbandry methods and training 152
techniques, including customary owner-performed practices, shall 153
qualify to train a humane agent for appointment under section 154
1717.06 of the Revised Code. 155

Sec. 1713.65. (A) Except as provided in division (B) of this 156
section, an officer or employee of an institution of higher 157
education that holds a certificate of authorization issued under 158
this chapter is not liable in damages for injury, death, or loss 159
to person or property that arises from the officer's or employee's 160
reporting a potential safety risk at the institution of higher 161
education. 162

(B) Division (A) of this section does not apply to an officer 163
or employee who acts with malicious purpose, in bad faith, or in a 164
wanton or reckless manner. 165

(C) This section does not affect any immunities from or 166
defenses to tort liability to which the officer or employee may be 167
entitled and that are established by another section of the 168
Revised Code or available at common law. 169

Section 2. That existing section 109.73 of the Revised Code 170
is hereby repealed. 171