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**A B I L L**

To enact section 737.053 of the Revised Code to 1  
authorize a nonchartered municipal corporation to 2  
establish a community emergency response team 3  
within the public safety department of the 4  
municipal corporation. 5

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

**Section 1.** That section 737.053 of the Revised Code be 6  
enacted to read as follows: 7

**Sec. 737.053.** The legislative authority of a municipal 8  
corporation may establish, by ordinance, a community emergency 9  
response team within the public safety department of the municipal 10  
corporation, and may provide for the regulation of community 11  
emergency response team members. The director of public safety 12  
shall be the executive head of the community emergency response 13  
team, shall make all appointments and removals of team members, 14  
subject to any general rules prescribed by the legislative 15  
authority by ordinance, and shall prescribe rules for the 16

organization, training, administration, control, and conduct of 17  
the community emergency response team. Members of the community 18  
emergency response team shall not be in the classified service of 19  
the municipal corporation and shall not be eligible for membership 20  
in the public employees retirement system. 21

A "community emergency response team" is a group of 22  
volunteers who educates persons in the municipal corporation about 23  
disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact the community 24  
and who trains those persons in basic disaster response skills, 25  
such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, 26  
and disaster medical operations. Members of the community 27  
emergency response team may assist first responders in accordance 28  
with the policies developed by the director of public safety. 29

A community emergency response team providing service to a 30  
municipal corporation under this section has the same immunities 31  
and defenses in a civil action that a political subdivision has 32  
under section 2744.02 of the Revised Code. The members of the 33  
community emergency response team have the same immunities and 34  
defenses in a civil action that employees of a political 35  
subdivision have under section 2744.03 of the Revised Code. 36