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Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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Highlights

- The Office of the Attorney General and the Department of Public Safety are likely to incur some costs to adopt rules regarding the required number of hours of dementia training, and to modify and/or expand their existing dementia training programs as necessary.

Detailed Analysis

The bill requires peace officers and emergency medical service (EMS) personnel to undergo training on identifying and interacting with individuals with dementia. The bill generally appears to be codifying current practice, as both peace officers and EMS personnel are currently receiving some general training regarding interacting with individuals with dementia. To some extent, both the Office of the Attorney General and the Department of Public Safety may need to modify and/or expand their existing training programs to meet the bill's criteria. The costs of doing so are uncertain.

The Department of Public Safety has indicated that it is likely to enter into a personal services contract to develop and to implement any necessary changes to training requirements. There is currently no estimate of the costs to do so. It is possible that the cost of the program modification or development and maintenance of a new program, whichever the Department of Public Safety deems necessary to comply with the bill's provisions, could be passed on to training recipients.

The Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy (OPOTA), located within the Office of the Attorney General, oversees the training requirements, curriculum, and certification standards for peace officers. There will be no discernible impact on OPOTA, as most, if not all, of the bill's training requirements already exist in the basic training received by peace officers.

Both the Office of the Attorney General and the Department of Public Safety will incur no more than minimal one-time costs to consult with the Department of Aging and to adopt rules establishing the number of required hours of dementia training for peace officers and emergency service personnel, respectively.