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Previous Version (As Passed by the House)	Latest Version (As Reported by Senate Veterans and Public Safety Committee) ¹
Ohio School Safety and Crisis Center	
No provision.	Creates the Ohio School Safety and Crisis Center within the Department of Public Safety to be operated by the Ohio Mobile Training Team (<i>R.C. 5502.703</i>).
No provision.	Requires the Mobile Training Team to develop curriculum and provide instruction and training, including firearms training, that individuals may complete to be permitted to convey deadly weapons or dangerous ordnance into a school safety zone (<i>R.C. 5502.703</i>).
No provision.	Requires that the instruction and training include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Initial instruction and training, not to exceed 24 hours; and 2. Annual requalification training, not to

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No provision.	<p>exceed eight hours;</p> <p>However, permits districts and schools to require more training (<i>R.C. 5502.703(B)</i>).</p> <p>Requires curriculum of the initial and requalification instruction and training to include instruction in:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mitigation techniques; 2. Communications capabilities and coordination and collaboration techniques; 3. Neutralization of potential threats and active shooters; 4. Accountability; 5. Reunification; 6. Psychology of critical incidents; 7. De-escalation techniques; 8. Crisis intervention; 9. Trauma and first aid care; 10. The history and pattern of school shootings; 11. Tactics of responding to critical incidents in schools; 12. At least four hours of training in scenario-based or simulated training exercises; 13. Completion of tactical live firearms training; and 14. Realistic urban training (<i>R.C. 5502.703(C)(1)</i>).
No provision.	Requires districts or schools to pay for all training (<i>R.C. 5502.703(C)(2)</i>).
No provision.	Permits a public or private school to adopt alternate curriculum, instruction, and training, with Center approval, that individuals may

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No provision.	<p>complete to be permitted to convey deadly weapons or dangerous ordnance into a school safety zone (<i>R.C. 5502.703(C)(3)</i>).</p> <p>Requires each district board or school governing body to provide to the Center a current list of the qualified personnel authorized to convey deadly weapons or dangerous ordnance into a school safety zone who have completed training through the Center or an alternate training adopted by the district or school (<i>R.C. 5502.703(D)</i>).</p>
Ohio Mobile Training Team	
No provision.	Establishes the Ohio Mobile Training Team within the Department of Public Safety, for which the Director of Public Safety must appoint a Chief Mobile Training Officer (<i>R.C. 5502.70(A) and (B)</i>).
No provision.	Requires the Director of Public Safety to appoint 16 regional mobile training officers to provide services regarding school safety and security to public and nonpublic primary and secondary schools (<i>R.C. 5502.70(C) and 5502.702</i>).
No provision.	Requires that a training officer be either a licensed peace officer or a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces who has been honorably discharged or who has been transferred to the reserve forces with evidence of satisfactory service and meets all additional qualifications required by the Department of Public Safety (<i>R.C. 5502.701 and 5502.702</i>).
No provision.	Requires the Chief Mobile Training Officer to administer the program, adopt additional qualifications for regional mobile training officers, and to enforce rules of the Department of Public Safety (<i>R.C. 5502.702</i>).
No provision.	Prescribes 16 mobile training team regions of the Educational Regional Service System (<i>R.C. 5502.70(C) and (D)</i>).

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No provision.	Prescribes duties for regional mobile training officers. (R.C. 5502.702(C)).
Basic peace officer training program exemption	
<p>Expressly exempts, from the current requirement that a public or private educational institution employee who goes armed while on duty must satisfactorily complete an approved basic peace officer training program, a “person authorized to go armed within a school safety zone,” as defined below (R.C. 109.78(D)(2)).</p> <p>Declares that the purpose of the provisions described in the preceding paragraph is to expressly overrule the decision of the Ohio Supreme Court in <i>Gabbard v. Madison Local School Dist. Bd. of Edn.</i> (R.C. 109.78(E)).</p>	<p>Expressly exempts, from the current requirement that a public or private educational institution employee who goes armed while on duty must satisfactorily complete an approved basic peace officer training program, a person authorized to go armed within a school safety zone under the exception described in the next topic (R.C. 109.78(D)(2)).</p> <p>Same (R.C. 109.78(E)).</p>
Offense of “Illegal conveyance or possession of a deadly weapon or dangerous ordnance in a school safety zone” – exception	
<p>Modifies an exception, to current law prohibitions against having a weapon in a school safety zone, that applies to a person a school board or governing body authorizes to have weapons in such a zone, so that the exception will apply with respect to a “person authorized to go armed within a school safety zone” (R.C. 2923.122(D)(1)(d) and (G)(3)(a)).</p>	<p>Also modifies the exception, but in a different manner. Under the modification, the exception will apply to a person a school board or governing body authorizes to have weapons in such a zone, provided that (R.C. 2923.122(D)(1)(d)):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Either the person has successfully completed the new curriculum and training established under the bill’s provisions described above, or the person has received a certificate of satisfactorily completion of an approved basic peace officer training program or is a law enforcement officer; and 2. The board or governing body has notified the public in a specified manner that the board or governing body has authorized one or more persons to go armed within a school it operates.

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	Also requires a district board or school governing body that authorizes a person under the exception described above to require that person to submit to an annual criminal records check (<i>R.C. 2923.122(D)(1)(d).</i>)
Definition of “person authorized to go armed within a school safety zone”	
<p>Requires that, to be a “person authorized to go armed within a school safety zone,” a person must do all of the following (<i>R.C. 2923.122(D)(1)(d), (G)(1), (G)(3)(a), (G)(3)(c), and (G)(4); required training specified in R.C. 109.805</i>):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have written authorization from the board or governing body of a school that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) authorizes the person to convey or possess deadly weapons or dangerous ordnance into a school safety zone within which the board or governing body has authority, and (b) specifies the manner in which the person may convey or possess deadly weapons or dangerous ordnance in a school safety zone within which the board or governing body has authority; 2. Convey or possess the deadly weapon or dangerous ordnance in accordance with that authorization; 3. Have a valid concealed handgun license; 4. Except as provided in the paragraph below, have successfully completed initial training, including 18 hours of general training and two hours of handgun training (content of the handgun training is specified in the bill); and 5. Except as provided in the paragraph below, have successfully completed annual additional training, including two hours of general training and two hours of handgun training (content of the handgun training is specified in the bill). 	<p>No provision, but see the discussion above under “Offense of “illegal conveyance or possession of a deadly weapon or dangerous ordnance in a school safety zone” – exception”; also see “Ohio School Safety and Crisis Center,” above, regarding training.</p>

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The training requirements in (4) and (5) above do not apply to a law enforcement officer or school resource officer.	
Notification to the public	
Requires a board of education or governing body of a school that has authorized a person to go armed within a school to notify the public in a specified manner that the board or governing body has authorized a person to go armed within the school, specifies that the public notice is not a “security record” or “infrastructure record” that is exempt from the Public Records Law, and states that a record that is such a public notification is a public record to the extent that it is required to be provided under the above provisions (R.C. 149.433(B)(1), (2), and (4) and 2923.122(D)(1)(d)).	Similar, but clarifies that the notice be given in advance of a person being authorized to go armed within a school operated by the board or governing authority and specifies that the list is not a public record. (R.C. 149.43(A)(1)(pp), 149.433(B)(1), (2), and (4) and 2923.122(D)(1)(d)).
Appropriation	
No provision.	Appropriates to the Department of Public Safety \$6 million in each of FY 2022 and FY 2023 for the purpose of administrating the Ohio Mobile Training Team. (Sections 4 and 5).