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SUMMARY

- Requires state officers and employees to complete annual training on engaging with individuals who are neurodivergent.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Neurodivergent training for state officers and employees

The bill requires most state officers and employees to complete an annual training program that covers topics on engaging with individuals who are neurodivergent, including individuals who have an autism spectrum disorder. The Executive Director of the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency must create the training program. The Executive Director must offer the training multiple times throughout each year and may make it available through electronic means.

All of the following individuals must complete the training each year:

- Members of the General Assembly;
- General Assembly staff, including all officers and employees of either house of the General Assembly who act on behalf of a member of the General Assembly or on behalf of a committee or either house of the General Assembly;
- Employees of each legislative agency;
- The Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Auditor of State, Attorney General, Treasurer of State, and their employees;
- The head and employees of each state agency;
- The justices of the Ohio Supreme Court and judges of the courts of appeals, courts of common pleas, municipal courts, and county courts;

- Employees of each court and any judicial agency.

The appointing authority of an employee listed above must establish the date by which the employee annually must complete the training program.¹

HISTORY

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¹ R.C. 124.77 and 3304.25.