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Reps. Hambley, Perales, Antonio, Ashford, Barnes, Boggs, Boyd, Brown, Celebrezze, Craig, Cupp, Galonski, Gavarone, Greenspan, Holmes, Howse, Ingram, Kent, Leland, Manning, Miller, O'Brien, Patterson, Ramos, Reece, Rogers, Sheehy, K. Smith, Strahorn, Sweeney, West, Rosenberger

Effective date: December 27, 2017; earmark change effective September 26, 2017

ACT SUMMARY

- Requires the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission to develop and conduct a 40-hour chief of police training course for newly appointed chiefs of police.
- Specifies that the course content must include diversity training with an emphasis on historical perspectives and community-police relations.
- Allows for exemptions or deferrals from the course based on previous equivalent training, medical disability, or other good cause.
- Applies to newly appointed chiefs of police appointed on or after January 1, 2018, and requires their attendance at the course within six months after appointment.
- Requires usual compensation to be paid to chiefs of police while attending the chief of police training course.
- Provides that the costs of conducting the chief of police training course are to be paid from state funds appropriated to the Attorney General.

* This version updates the effective date.

- Modifies an FY 2018 Department of Commerce earmark for fire training center equipment by establishing the earmark under a different line item and changing it from a loan to a grant.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Chief of police training course

The act requires the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission to develop and conduct a 40-hour chief of police training course for newly appointed chiefs of police appointed on or after January 1, 2018. A "newly appointed chief of police" means a person appointed chief of police of a township, city, or village¹ or any administrative official who is responsible for the daily administration and supervision of peace officers in a law enforcement agency and who did not hold the office on the date of appointment. "Law enforcement agency" means a municipal or township police department, or any other entity authorized by statute to appoint peace officers to enforce criminal laws and who have the statutory power of arrest. It does not include a county sheriff's office, the State Highway Patrol, or the Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation.

A newly appointed chief of police is required to attend the course within six months after appointment. The Commission must determine the course topics, but the course content must include diversity training with an emphasis on historical perspectives and community-police relations. The Commission must establish criteria for what constitutes successful completion of the course.

The course must be conducted at the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy and be offered at least twice a year. The costs of conducting the training course are to be paid from state funds appropriated to the Attorney General.

Exemptions and deferrals

The act authorizes a newly appointed chief of police to request an equivalency exemption from a portion of the 40-hour course by submitting to the Commission, within ten days after appointment, evidence of training or qualification in the subject area of the exempted portion.

The Commission may defer a police chief's completion of the course upon evidence of a medical disability or other good cause until the disability or cause ends.

¹ R.C. 505.49 (township police district or department, and joint police districts), 737.05 (municipal police departments), and 737.15 (village marshals, designated as chiefs of police).



Continuation of compensation; other costs

The act requires the appointing entity to continue the chief's compensation in the same manner and amount while the chief is attending the chief of police training course. The appointing entity must incur the cost of meals, lodging, and travel for the chief while attending the course.²

Fire training center equipment grant

The act modifies an earmark established in H.B. 49 of the 132nd General Assembly, the Main Operating Budget Act. H.B. 49 earmarked \$150,000 in FY 2018 under line item 800610, Fire Marshal, to provide a loan for fire training center equipment to a fire training center that received an appropriation in S.B. 310 of the 131st General Assembly, the Capital Appropriations Act. This act instead establishes the earmark under line item 800635, Small Government Fire Departments, and changes it from a loan to a grant.³

HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
Introduced	02-07-17
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Passed House (88-9)	09-13-17
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² R.C. 109.804.

³ Sections 2 and 3 of the act.

