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SUMMARY

- Requires the training course for chiefs of police to be conducted at locations determined by the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission and in a manner prescribed by the Commission.
- Sets eight hours as the maximum exemption for a chief who submits evidence of previous training or qualification in the exempted topics.
- Specifies that a “newly appointed” chief is one who has never held the full-time position before.
- Allows the Commission to establish and conduct police officer training courses to be offered to law enforcement officers at or above the rank of sergeant.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Training for chiefs of police

Continuing law requires the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission to provide a chief of police training course for newly appointed chiefs. The course consists of at least 40 hours of instruction on topics determined by the Commission. The bill modifies the course requirements in the following ways:

- Instead of requiring the course to be conducted at the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy, as under current law, the course must be conducted at locations determined by the Commission.
- The bill specifies the course must be conducted in a manner prescribed by the Commission.
- Current law allows a new chief to request an exemption from a “portion” of the course by submitting the exemption request to the Commission within ten days after the chief is appointed. The bill makes the maximum exemption eight hours, limits the exemption

to topics approved by the Executive Director, and requires the request to be provided to the Commission at least 14 days before the course starts.

- Lastly, the bill specifies a “newly appointed” chief is one who has never held the full-time position before, rather than one who did not hold the office on the date the person was appointed.¹

Training for the rank of sergeant and above

The bill allows the Commission to establish and conduct police officer training courses, in addition to the Peace Officer Basic Training Academy, to be offered to a law enforcement officer at or above the rank of sergeant.²

HISTORY

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¹ R.C. 109.804.

² R.C. 109.791.