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**A BILL**

To amend section 4765.16 and to enact section 1  
4765.163 of the Revised Code to require 2  
emergency medical service personnel to undergo 3  
human trafficking-related continuing education. 4

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** That section 4765.16 be amended and section 5  
4765.163 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows: 6

**Sec. 4765.16.** (A) All courses offered through an emergency 7  
medical services training program or an emergency medical 8  
services continuing education program, other than an ambulance 9  
driving course and the human trafficking-related course 10  
developed under section 4765.163 of the Revised Code, shall be 11  
developed under the direction of a physician who specializes in 12  
emergency medicine. Each course that deals with trauma care 13  
shall be developed in consultation with a physician who 14  
specializes in trauma surgery. ~~Except—~~ 15

Except as specified by the state board of emergency 16  
medical, fire, and transportation services pursuant to rules 17  
adopted under section 4765.11 of the Revised Code, each course 18

offered through a training program or continuing education 19  
program shall be taught by a person who holds the appropriate 20  
certificate to teach issued under section 4765.23 of the Revised 21  
Code. 22

(B) A training program for first responders shall meet the 23  
standards established in rules adopted by the board under 24  
section 4765.11 of the Revised Code. The program shall include 25  
courses in both of the following areas for at least the number 26  
of hours established by the board's rules: 27

(1) Emergency victim care; 28

(2) Reading and interpreting a trauma victim's vital 29  
signs. 30

(C) A training program for emergency medical technicians- 31  
basic shall meet the standards established in rules adopted by 32  
the board under section 4765.11 of the Revised Code. The program 33  
shall include courses in each of the following areas for at 34  
least the number of hours established by the board's rules: 35

(1) Emergency victim care; 36

(2) Reading and interpreting a trauma victim's vital 37  
signs; 38

(3) Triage protocols for adult and pediatric trauma 39  
victims; 40

(4) In-hospital training; 41

(5) Clinical training; 42

(6) Training as an ambulance driver. 43

Each operator of a training program for emergency medical 44  
technicians-basic shall allow any pupil in the twelfth grade in 45

a secondary school who is at least seventeen years old and who 46  
otherwise meets the requirements for admission into such a 47  
training program to be admitted to and complete the program and, 48  
as part of the training, to ride in an ambulance with emergency 49  
medical technicians-basic, emergency medical technicians- 50  
intermediate, and emergency medical technicians-paramedic. Each 51  
emergency medical service organization shall allow pupils 52  
participating in training programs to ride in an ambulance with 53  
emergency medical technicians-basic, advanced emergency medical 54  
technicians-intermediate, and emergency medical technicians- 55  
paramedic. 56

(D) A training program for emergency medical technicians- 57  
intermediate shall meet the standards established in rules 58  
adopted by the board under section 4765.11 of the Revised Code. 59  
The program shall include, or require as a prerequisite, the 60  
training specified in division (C) of this section and courses 61  
in each of the following areas for at least the number of hours 62  
established by the board's rules: 63

(1) Recognizing symptoms of life-threatening allergic 64  
reactions and in calculating proper dosage levels and 65  
administering injections of epinephrine to persons who suffer 66  
life-threatening allergic reactions, conducted in accordance 67  
with rules adopted by the board under section 4765.11 of the 68  
Revised Code; 69

(2) Venous access procedures; 70

(3) Cardiac monitoring and electrical interventions to 71  
support or correct the cardiac function. 72

(E) A training program for emergency medical technicians- 73  
paramedic shall meet the standards established in rules adopted 74

by the board under section 4765.11 of the Revised Code. The 75  
program shall include, or require as a prerequisite, the 76  
training specified in divisions (C) and (D) of this section and 77  
courses in each of the following areas for at least the number 78  
of hours established by the board's rules: 79

(1) Medical terminology; 80

(2) Venous access procedures; 81

(3) Airway procedures; 82

(4) Patient assessment and triage; 83

(5) Acute cardiac care, including administration of 84  
parenteral injections, electrical interventions, and other 85  
emergency medical services; 86

(6) Emergency and trauma victim care beyond that required 87  
under division (C) of this section; 88

(7) Clinical training beyond that required under division 89  
(C) of this section. 90

(F) A continuing education program for first responders, 91  
EMTs-basic, EMTs-I, or paramedics shall meet the standards 92  
established in rules adopted by the board under section 4765.11 93  
of the Revised Code. A continuing education program shall 94  
include instruction and training in subjects established by the 95  
board's rules for at least the number of hours established by 96  
the board's rules. The continuing education program also shall 97  
include the human trafficking-related course developed under 98  
section 4765.163 of the Revised Code. 99

**Sec. 4765.163.** (A) As used in this section, "human 100  
trafficking" has the same meaning as in section 2929.01 of the 101  
Revised Code. 102

(B) The state board of emergency medical, fire, and transportation services shall develop a human trafficking-related training course to be included in all emergency medical services continuing education programs approved under section 4765.15 of the Revised Code. 103  
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(C) The board shall adopt rules under section 4765.11 of the Revised Code governing the human trafficking-related training course developed under this section. The rules shall require the training course to be not less than one hour of instruction. Completion of the human trafficking-related training course shall count towards satisfactory completion of the emergency medical services continuing education program. 108  
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(D) The human trafficking-related training course developed under this section shall include instruction in all of the following: 115  
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(1) Identifying possible victims of labor and sex trafficking; 118  
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(2) Respectful and effective communication techniques for communicating with possible victims of labor and sex trafficking; 120  
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(3) Identifying and reporting incidents of abuse, neglect, and exploitation of possible victims of labor and sex trafficking; 123  
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(4) Local and national resources available for possible victims of labor and sex trafficking. 126  
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**Section 2.** That existing section 4765.16 of the Revised Code is hereby repealed. 128  
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