109:2-18-04 **Reimbursement of training costs.**

- (A) Except as otherwise provided in section 109:2-18-02 of the Administrative Code, <u>everyEvery</u> appointed peace officer or trooper is required to comply with the annual continuing professional training requirements set forth herein. Only public appointing authorities qualify for reimbursement for the cost of continuing professional training programs.
- (B) Public appointing authorities entitled to reimbursement for each appointed peace officer or trooper who successfully completes the training program shall be reimbursed in an amount no less than twenty dollars per hour per officer per year for those years in which sufficient funding is available. If sufficient funding is not available for a given year, it shall be within the executive director's sound discretion to make pro rata or other partial reimbursements as are reasonable under the circumstances.Law enforcement agencies shall submit funding requests under the pilot program to offset up to fifty percent of the salaries of peace officers or troopers for the time peace officers or troopers are completing the training required by section 109.803 of the Revised Code. In submitting a funding request, an appointing authority shall do shall do all of the following:
 - (1) On or before the date prescribed by the Attorney General, and on the form and in the manner prescribed by the Attorney General, transmit a certification that attests to the sum total of the anticipated salaries of all peace officers or troopers in the appointing authorities' employment who are subject to the training requirements set forth in section 109.803 of the Revised Code.
 - (2) On or before the date prescribed by the Attorney General, and on the form and in the manner prescribed by the Attorney General, transmit a certification that attests to base hourly rate of pay for each peace officer or trooper in the appointing authorities' employment subject to the training requirements set forth in section 109.803 of the Revised Code for calendar year 2022..
- (C) To be eligible for reimbursement of any training costs, a public appointing authority shall comply with the annual roster reporting requirements of division (B) of section 109.761 of the Revised Code.Pursuant to division (B) of section 1713.50 of the Revised Code, appointing authorities who employ peace officers appointed under section 1713.50 of the Revised Code are not eligible to apply for funding under the pilot program.
- (D) Except as otherwise noted in this rule, a public appointing authority that complies with paragraph (C) of this rule shall be entitled to reimbursement for the training of each appointed peace officer or trooper whom the appointing authority verifies as having completed the annual continuing professional training requirements set forth in sections 109.802 and 109.803 of the Revised Code.<u>Multiple appointing authorities</u>

cannot receive funding for the same peace officer or trooper during the same calendar year. If a peace officer or trooper is appointed by more than one agency at the time the funding request is described in division (B) is made, only the appointing authority responsible for documenting the peace officer or trooper's training under 109:2-18-02(K) may receive funding. If an officer or trooper is improperly claimed on a funding request made under division (B) the officer or trooper will be removed from the request and the appointing authority shall be notified of the officer or trooper's removal.

- (1) Public appointing authoritics shall not be reimbursed for any training as described in paragraph (F) of rule 109:2-18-02 of the Administrative Code.
- (E) Each application for reimbursement or extension shall be made in a manner prescribed by the executive director on a form prescribed by the executive director, and supported by documentation required by rule 109:2-18-05 of the Administrative Code:Prior to the distribution of any funds under the pilot program, the executive director shall cause to be reviewed the requests submitted pursuant to division (B) of this section to verify that all of the following are true:
 - (1) the agency submitting the request is eligible to receive funding under the pilot program;
 - (2) the peace officers or troopers included on the funding request are appointed to the agency requesting the funding;
 - (3) the peace officers or troopers included on the funding request are subject to the training requirements set forth in section 109.803 of the Revised Code for calendar year 2022;
 - (4) the agency submitting the request is the responsible agency for all peace officers or troopers included on the request pursuant to 109:2-18-02(K).
- (F) If a public appointing authority applies for reimbursement and if one or more of its appointed peace officers or troopers has not complied with the continuing professional training requirement both of the following apply: On or before January 1, 2022, the Attorney General shall determine if the money appropriated for the purposes of the pilot program is sufficient to pay fifty percent of the total of all funding requests received under division (B) of this section.
 - (1) The public appointing authority is entitled to reimbursement for every other appointed peace officer or trooper of the public appointing authority who has complied with the continuing professional training requirements. If the money appropriated to the Attorney General for the pilot program is sufficient to pay

fifty percent of the total cost of the salaries of the peace officers or troopers of all law enforcement agencies that submitted funding requests under division (B) of this section, the Attorney General shall pay to each law enforcement agency fifty percent of the salaries of the peace officers or troopers who will receive the training set forth in section 109.803 of the Revised Code for calendar year 2022;

- (2) If the appointed peace officer or trooper whom the executive director granted an extension complied with the continuing professional training requirements prior to the date on which the extension ends, the public appointing authority is entitled to reimbursement for the training programs completed by that peace officer or trooper. If the money appropriated to the Attorney General for the pilot program is insufficient to pay fifty percent of the total cost of the salaries of the peace officers or troopers for the hours spent completing the required training, the Attorney General shall proportionately reduce the amount paid to each agency so that each agency is paid an equal percentage of its costs for the training.
- (G) Failure to report compliance with the continuing professional training requirements set forth in paragraph (C) of rule 109:2-18-04 of the Administrative Code by January thirty-first will result in a forfeiture of the appointed authority's eligibility for reimbursement. Agencies submitting requests for funding under division (B) of this section shall not receive more than fifty percent of the total cost of the salaries of the peace officers or troopers to be paid to the peace officers or troopers who will receive the twenty-four hours of continuing professionalism training in calendar year 2022.
- (H) Each public appointing authority that receives funds under this section shall keep those funds separate from any other funds of the appointing authority and shall use those funds solely to defray the cost of continuing professional training programs.
- (I) The training cost reimbursement decisions of the executive director are subject to the appeals process of Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

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