



Ohio Revised Code

Section 5502.703 Ohio school safety and crisis center.

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(A) The Ohio school safety and crisis center is hereby created within the department of public safety and shall be operated by the mobile training team established under section 5502.70 of the Revised Code.

(B) The mobile training team shall develop curriculum and provide instruction and training, including firearms training, that individuals may complete to satisfy the criterion specified in division (D)(1)(d)(i) of section 2923.122 of the Revised Code to be permitted to convey deadly weapons or dangerous ordnance into a school safety zone under division (D)(1)(d) of that section. Except as otherwise specified in division (D)(1)(d)(i) of that section, an individual shall successfully complete the curriculum, instruction, and training so developed as a requirement to be permitted to convey deadly weapons or dangerous ordnance into a school safety zone under the authority of division (D)(1)(d) of that section.

The curriculum, instruction, and training shall follow the private investigator and security guard firearms training guidelines adopted under section 4749.06 of the Revised Code and include both of the following:

- (1) Initial instruction and training, which shall not exceed twenty-four hours;
- (2) Annual requalification training, which shall not exceed eight hours.

Nothing in this section prohibits a school district board of education or governing body of a school from requiring additional training for an individual to which this section applies.

(C)(1) The curriculum of the initial and requalification instruction and training required under this section shall include instruction in all of the following:

- (a) Mitigation techniques;



- (b) Communications capabilities and coordination and collaboration techniques;
 - (c) Neutralization of potential threats and active shooters;
 - (d) Accountability;
 - (e) Reunification;
 - (f) Psychology of critical incidents;
 - (g) De-escalation techniques;
 - (h) Crisis intervention;
 - (i) Trauma and first aid care;
 - (j) The history and pattern of school shootings;
 - (k) Tactics of responding to critical incidents in schools;
 - (l) At least four hours of training in scenario-based or simulated training exercises;
 - (m) Completion of tactical live firearms training;
 - (n) Realistic urban training.
- (2) The board or governing body of the school that authorizes an individual to convey deadly weapons or dangerous ordnance into a school safety zone, under division (D)(1)(d) of section 2923.122 of the Revised Code, shall pay all fees for the training described in divisions (B) and (C)(1) of this section that the individual receives.
- (3) A school district board of education or governing body of a school may adopt alternate



curriculum, instruction, and training, provided it includes all of the topics specified in division (C)(1) of this section.

A district board or governing body shall submit any alternate curriculum, instruction, and training adopted under division (C)(3) of this section to the school safety and crisis center for approval prior to granting authorization to an individual to convey deadly weapons or dangerous ordnance into a school safety zone under the control of the district board or governing authority. The school safety center shall approve any curriculum, instruction, and training within thirty days after receipt if the curriculum, instruction, and training comply with divisions (B) and (C) of this section.

(D) Each school district board of education or governing body of a school shall provide to the school safety and crisis center a current list of the qualified personnel authorized to convey deadly weapons or dangerous ordnance into a school safety zone under the control of the district board or governing body who have completed training under this section.

The list is not a public record under section 149.43 of the Revised Code.

(E) The department of public safety, in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, shall adopt rules to implement this section.