



Ohio Revised Code

Section 5119.74 [Former R.C. 5502.75, amended and renumbered by H.B. 479, 136th General Assembly, effective 09/23/2026] State post-traumatic stress fund.

Effective: September 23, 2026

Legislation: House Bill 479 - 136th General Assembly

(A) As used in this section and sections 5119.75 to 5119.78 of the Revised Code:

(1) "Public safety officer" means all the following, whether paid or volunteer:

(a) A peace officer, as defined in section 2935.01 of the Revised Code;

(b) A special police officer employed by the department of behavioral health pursuant to section 5119.08 of the Revised Code or the department of developmental disabilities pursuant to section 5123.13 of the Revised Code;

(c) A firefighter of a lawfully constituted fire department;

(d) A first responder, emergency medical technician-basic, emergency medical technician-intermediate, or emergency medical technician-paramedic certified under Chapter 4765. of the Revised Code.

(2) "Post-traumatic stress injury" means all the following:

(a) Post-traumatic stress disorder;

(b) Acute stress disorder;

(c) Any other specified stress-related disorder identified in the version of the diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders published by the American psychiatric association in effect on the effective date of this amendment.

(3) "Mental health professional" means all of the following:

(a) A psychiatrist as defined in section 5122.01 of the Revised Code;

(b) A licensed psychologist as defined in division (H) of section 4732.01 of the Revised Code;

(c) A professional clinical counselor or a professional counselor licensed under Chapter 4757. of the Revised Code.

(B) The state post-traumatic stress fund is created in the state treasury. The fund shall consist of any money appropriated to it by the general assembly, any interest and earnings



from the fund, and any other donations, grants, gifts, or other money received. The Ohio post-traumatic stress fund commission created in section 5119.76 of the Revised Code shall be the trustee of the fund.

(C) The state post-traumatic stress fund shall be used for both of the following purposes:

(1) Reimbursement of the medical, nurse, therapy, and hospital services and medicines described in section 5119.77 of the Revised Code;

(2) Payment of administrative costs incurred in providing the reimbursements described in section 5119.77 of the Revised Code.
