

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to emergency medical services training;
 3 amending s. 401.2701, F.S.; providing for the paramedic
 4 field internship program to include training aboard a
 5 vehicle permitted to provide advanced life support
 6 services; providing an effective date.

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 8 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 10 Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section
 11 401.2701, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

12 401.2701 Emergency medical services training programs.--

13 (1) Any private or public institution in Florida desiring
 14 to conduct an approved program for the education of emergency
 15 medical technicians and paramedics shall:

16 (b) Receive a scheduled site visit from the department to
 17 the applicant's institution. Such site visit shall be conducted
 18 within 30 days after notification to the institution that the
 19 application was accepted. During the site visit, the department
 20 must determine the applicant's compliance with the following
 21 criteria:

22 1. Emergency medical technician programs must be a minimum
 23 of 110 hours, with at least 20 hours of supervised clinical
 24 supervision, including 10 hours in a hospital emergency
 25 department.

26 2. Paramedic programs must be available only to Florida-
 27 certified emergency medical technicians or an emergency medical
 28 technician applicant who will obtain Florida certification prior

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29 | to completion of phase one of the paramedic program. Paramedic
30 | programs must be a minimum of 700 hours of didactic and skills
31 | practice components, with the skills laboratory student-to-
32 | instructor ratio not exceeding six to one. Paramedic programs
33 | must provide a field internship experience aboard an advanced
34 | life support permitted vehicle ~~ambulance~~.

35 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.