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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to emergency medical services training;
3 amending s. 401.2701, F.S.; revising provisions relating
4 to fulfillment of the required field internship experience
5 in paramedic programs; providing for rule adoption by the
6 Department of Health with respect to fulfillment of the
7 field internship experience; amending s. 401.281, F.S.;
8 revising a documented requirement for a driver of an
9 emergency vehicle; providing an effective date.

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

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13 Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section
14 401.2701, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

15 401.2701 Emergency medical services training programs.--

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

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

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

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29 2. Paramedic programs must be available only to Florida-
30 certified emergency medical technicians or an emergency medical
31 technician applicant who will obtain Florida certification prior
32 to completion of phase one of the paramedic program. Paramedic
33 programs must be a minimum of 700 hours of didactic and skills
34 practice components, with the skills laboratory student-to-
35 instructor ratio not exceeding six to one. Paramedic programs
36 must provide a field internship experience aboard an advanced
37 life support permitted ambulance. However, a portion of the
38 field internship experience may be satisfied aboard an advanced
39 life support permitted vehicle other than an ambulance as
40 determined by rule of the department.

41 Section 2. Paragraph (d) of subsection (1) of section
42 401.281, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

43 401.281 Drivers.--

44 (1) Each licensee is responsible for assuring that its
45 vehicles are driven only by trained, experienced, and otherwise
46 qualified personnel. The licensee must, at a minimum, document
47 that each of its drivers:

48 (d) Upon initial designation as a driver, has not, within
49 the past 3 years, been convicted of ~~reckless driving or~~ driving
50 under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances and has
51 not had a driver's license suspended under the point system
52 provided for in chapter 322;

53 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.