

By Senator Jones

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

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

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11 Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section
12 401.2701, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

13 401.2701 Emergency medical services training programs.—

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

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

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

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

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

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