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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to public safety telecommunicator
3 training; amending s. 401.465, F.S.; defining the term
4 "telecommunicator cardiopulmonary resuscitation
5 training"; conforming cross-references; requiring
6 certain 911 public safety telecommunicators to receive
7 telecommunicator cardiopulmonary resuscitation
8 training every 2 years; requiring the Department of
9 Health to establish a procedure to monitor adherence
10 to the training requirements; authorizing the
11 department to adjust state grants or shared revenue
12 funds to certain entities based on their employees'
13 adherence or failure to adhere to the training
14 requirements; providing an effective date.

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

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18 Section 1. Present subsections (3) and (4) of section
19 401.465, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (4)
20 and (5), respectively, paragraph (d) is added to subsection (1)
21 of that section, a new subsection (3) is added to that section,
22 and paragraphs (d) and (j) of subsection (2) of that section are
23 amended, to read:

24 401.465 911 public safety telecommunicator certification.—

25 (1) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section, the term:

26 (d) "Telecommunicator cardiopulmonary resuscitation
27 training" means specific training that is evidence based and
28 contains nationally accepted guidelines for the recognition of
29 out-of-hospital cardiac arrest over the telephone and the

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30 delivery of telephonic instructions for treating cardiac arrest
31 and performing compression-only cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

32 (2) PERSONNEL; STANDARDS AND CERTIFICATION.—

33 (d) The department shall determine whether the applicant
34 meets the requirements specified in this section and in rules of
35 the department and shall issue a certificate to any person who
36 meets such requirements. Such requirements must include the
37 following:

38 1. Completion of an appropriate 911 public safety
39 telecommunication training program;

40 2. Certification under oath that the applicant is not
41 addicted to alcohol or any controlled substance;

42 3. Certification under oath that the applicant is free from
43 any physical or mental defect or disease that might impair the
44 applicant's ability to perform his or her duties;

45 4. Submission of the application fee prescribed in
46 subsection (4) ~~(3)~~;

47 5. Submission of a completed application to the department
48 which indicates compliance with subparagraphs 1., 2., and 3.;

49 and

50 6. Effective October 1, 2012, passage of an examination
51 approved by the department which measures the applicant's
52 competency and proficiency in the subject material of the public
53 safety telecommunication training program.

54 (j)1. The requirement for certification as a 911 public
55 safety telecommunicator is waived for a person employed as a
56 sworn state-certified law enforcement officer, provided the
57 officer:

58 a. Is selected by his or her chief executive to perform as

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59 a 911 public safety telecommunicator;

60 b. Performs as a 911 public safety telecommunicator on an
61 occasional or limited basis; and

62 c. Passes the department-approved examination that measures
63 the competency and proficiency of an applicant in the subject
64 material comprising the public safety telecommunication program.

65 2. A sworn state-certified law enforcement officer who
66 fails an examination taken under subparagraph 1. must take a
67 department-approved public safety telecommunication training
68 program prior to retaking the examination.

69 3. The testing required under this paragraph is exempt from
70 the examination fee required under subsection (4) ~~(3)~~.

71 (3) TELECOMMUNICATOR CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION

72 TRAINING.—

73 (a) In addition to the certification and recertification
74 requirements contained in this section, 911 public safety
75 telecommunicators who take telephone calls and provide dispatch
76 functions for emergency medical conditions shall also receive
77 telecommunicator cardiopulmonary resuscitation training every 2
78 years.

79 (b) The department shall establish a procedure to monitor
80 adherence to the training requirements of this subsection and
81 may adjust state grant or shared revenue funds to a public
82 safety agency as defined in s. 365.171(3) based on its
83 employees' adherence or failure to adhere to these requirements.

84 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.