

By Senator Burgess

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to telecommunicator cardiopulmonary
3 resuscitation; amending s. 401.465, F.S.; defining the
4 term "telecommunicator cardiopulmonary resuscitation
5 training"; requiring certain 911 public safety
6 telecommunicators to receive ongoing telecommunicator
7 cardiopulmonary resuscitation training; authorizing
8 public safety agencies and certain other agencies to
9 enter into reciprocal agreements to provide
10 telecommunicator cardiopulmonary resuscitation under
11 certain circumstances; providing requirements for
12 certain employees who answer emergency medical service
13 calls; providing an effective date.

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

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

23 401.465 911 public safety telecommunicator certification.—

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

25 (d) "Telecommunicator cardiopulmonary resuscitation
26 training" means specific training and continuing education that
27 is evidence-based and uses nationally accepted guidelines for
28 high-quality telecommunicator cardiopulmonary resuscitation,
29 including training in the recognition of out-of-hospital cardiac

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30 arrest over the telephone and the delivery of telephonic
31 instructions for treating such cardiac arrest and performing
32 compression-only cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

33 (2) PERSONNEL; STANDARDS AND CERTIFICATION.—

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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- 59 a. Is selected by his or her chief executive to perform as
60 a 911 public safety telecommunicator;
- 61 b. Performs as a 911 public safety telecommunicator on an
62 occasional or limited basis; and
- 63 c. Passes the department-approved examination that measures
64 the competency and proficiency of an applicant in the subject
65 material comprising the public safety telecommunication program.
- 66 2. A sworn state-certified law enforcement officer who
67 fails an examination taken under subparagraph 1. must take a
68 department-approved public safety telecommunication training
69 program prior to retaking the examination.
- 70 3. The testing required under this paragraph is exempt from
71 the examination fee required under subsection (4) ~~(3)~~.

72 (3) TELECOMMUNICATOR CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION
73 TRAINING; RECIPROCAL AGREEMENTS.-

- 74 (a) In addition to the certification and recertification
75 requirements imposed in subsection (2), 911 public safety
76 telecommunicators who take telephone calls and provide dispatch
77 functions for emergency medical conditions must complete
78 telecommunicator cardiopulmonary resuscitation training and
79 continuing education as deemed appropriate by the department.
- 80 (b) A public safety agency as defined in s. 365.171(3) or
81 an agency receiving or dispatching emergency medical service
82 calls may enter into a reciprocal agreement with another public
83 safety agency, a dedicated telephone line, or a call center to
84 provide telecommunicator cardiopulmonary resuscitation, provided
85 the public safety agency or other agency that accepts the call
86 has 911 public safety telecommunicators who are trained in
87 telecommunicator cardiopulmonary resuscitation in accordance

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88 with this section.

89 (c) Any employee of a public safety agency who answers
90 emergency medical service calls shall, as appropriate, provide
91 direct telephonic assistance in administering cardiopulmonary
92 resuscitation or transfer calls to a dedicated telephone line,
93 call center, or other public safety agency with which the
94 transferring public safety agency has a reciprocal agreement.

95 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.