

## CHAPTER 2022-51

### House Bill No. 593

An act relating to telecommunicator cardiopulmonary resuscitation; amending s. 401.465, F.S.; providing definitions; requiring certain 911 public safety telecommunicators to complete biennial telecommunicator cardiopulmonary resuscitation training; authorizing certain agencies to enter into reciprocal agreements with certain entities to provide telephonic assistance in administering cardiopulmonary resuscitation under certain circumstances; requiring certain employees of such agencies to directly provide telephonic assistance in administering cardiopulmonary resuscitation, when appropriate, or transfer telephone calls for emergency medical conditions to certain entities; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section 401.465, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as paragraph (d), subsections (3) and (4) are renumbered as subsections (4) and (5), respectively, paragraphs (b), (d), (i), and (j) of subsection (2) of that section are amended, new paragraphs (c) and (e) are added to subsection (1) of that section, and a new subsection (3) is added to that section, to read:

401.465 911 public safety telecommunicator certification.—

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

(c) “Public safety agency” has the same meaning as in s. 365.171(3)(d).

(e) “Telecommunicator cardiopulmonary resuscitation training” means specific training, including continuous education, that is evidence based and contains nationally accepted guidelines for high-quality telecommunicator cardiopulmonary resuscitation with the recognition of out-of-hospital cardiac arrest over the telephone and the delivery of telephonic instructions for treating cardiac arrest and performing compression-only cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

(2) PERSONNEL; STANDARDS AND CERTIFICATION.—

(b) A public safety agency, ~~as defined in s. 365.171(3)(d),~~ may employ a 911 public safety telecommunicator trainee for a period not to exceed 12 months if the trainee works under the direct supervision of a certified 911 public safety telecommunicator, as determined by rule of the department, and is enrolled in a public safety telecommunication training program.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(i) If a person was employed as a 911 public safety telecommunicator or a state-certified firefighter before April 1, 2012, he or she must pass the examination approved by the department which measures the competency and proficiency in the subject material of the public safety telecommunication program, ~~as defined in paragraph (1)(c)~~. Upon passage of the examination, the completion of the public safety telecommunication training program is waived.

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

a. Is selected by his or her chief executive to perform as a 911 public safety telecommunicator;

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

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

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

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

(3) TELECOMMUNICATOR CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION.—

(a) In addition to the certification and recertification requirements in this section, 911 public safety telecommunicators who answer telephone calls and provide dispatch functions for emergency medical conditions must complete telecommunicator cardiopulmonary resuscitation training every 2 years.

(b)1. A public safety agency or any agency that receives or dispatches telephone calls for emergency medical conditions may enter into a reciprocal agreement with another public safety agency or agency that receives or dispatches such telephone calls, a dedicated phone line, or a call center to provide telephonic assistance in administering cardiopulmonary resuscitation, if the applicable agency, dedicated phone line, or call center that will be accepting the telephone calls employs 911 public safety telecommunicators who have completed telecommunicator cardiopulmonary resuscitation training pursuant to paragraph (a).

2. Any employee of a public safety agency or agency receiving or dispatching telephone calls for emergency medical conditions who answers such telephone calls must directly provide telephonic assistance in administering cardiopulmonary resuscitation, when appropriate, or transfer such calls to the applicable agency, dedicated phone line, or call center with which the transferring agency has a reciprocal agreement as provided in subparagraph 1.

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

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