

1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to cardiovascular emergency protocols  
3           and training; creating s. 395.3042, F.S.; requiring  
4           the Department of Health to send a list of certain  
5           providers of adult cardiovascular services to  
6           specified persons and entities annually; requiring the  
7           department to develop a sample heart attack-triage  
8           assessment tool to be posted on its website and  
9           distributed to licensed emergency medical services  
10          providers; requiring such providers to use the  
11          assessment tool; requiring medical directors of such  
12          providers to develop and implement certain specified  
13          protocols; requiring that such protocols include the  
14          development and implementation of certain plans;  
15          requiring the compliance of certain licensed emergency  
16          medical services providers; amending s. 401.465, F.S.;  
17          providing a definition for the term "telecommunicator  
18          cardiopulmonary resuscitation training"; conforming  
19          cross-references; requiring certain 911 public safety  
20          telecommunicators to receive biannual telecommunicator  
21          cardiopulmonary resuscitation training; requiring the  
22          department to establish a procedure to monitor  
23          adherence to the training requirements; authorizing  
24          the department to adjust state grants or shared  
25          revenue funds to certain entities based on their

26 employees' adherence or failure to adhere to the  
 27 training requirements; providing an effective date.

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

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 31 Section 1. Section 395.3042, Florida Statutes, is created  
 32 to read:

33 395.3042 Emergency medical services providers; triage and  
 34 transportation of heart attack victims to an adult  
 35 cardiovascular services provider.-

36 (1) By June 1 of each year, the department shall send a  
 37 list of providers of Level I and Level II adult cardiovascular  
 38 services to the medical director of each licensed emergency  
 39 medical services provider in the state.

40 (2) The department shall develop a sample heart attack-  
 41 triage assessment tool. The department must post this sample  
 42 assessment tool on its website and provide a copy of the  
 43 assessment tool to each licensed emergency medical services  
 44 provider. Each licensed emergency medical services provider must  
 45 use a heart attack-triage assessment tool that is substantially  
 46 similar to the sample heart attack-triage assessment tool  
 47 provided by the department.

48 (3) The medical director of each licensed emergency  
 49 medical services provider shall develop and implement  
 50 assessment, treatment, and transport-destination protocols for

51 heart attack patients with the intent to assess, treat, and  
52 transport heart attack patients to the most appropriate  
53 hospital. Such protocols must include the development and  
54 implementation of plans for the triage and transport of patients  
55 with acute heart attack symptoms.

56 (4) Each emergency medical services provider licensed  
57 under chapter 401 must comply with this section.

58 Section 2. Subsections (3) and (4) of section 401.465,  
59 Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (4) and (5),  
60 respectively, paragraphs (d) and (j) of subsection (2) of that  
61 section are amended, paragraph (d) is added to subsection (1) of  
62 that section, and a new subsection (3) is added to that section,  
63 to read:

64 401.465 911 public safety telecommunicator certification.—

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

66 (d) "Telecommunicator cardiopulmonary resuscitation  
67 training" means specific training, including continuous  
68 education, that is evidence based and contains nationally  
69 accepted guidelines for high-quality telecommunicator  
70 cardiopulmonary resuscitation with the recognition of out-of-  
71 hospital cardiac arrest over the telephone and the delivery of  
72 telephonic instructions for treating cardiac arrest and  
73 performing compression-only cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

74 (2) PERSONNEL; STANDARDS AND CERTIFICATION.—

75 (d) The department shall determine whether the applicant

76 | meets the requirements specified in this section and in rules of  
77 | the department and shall issue a certificate to any person who  
78 | meets such requirements. Such requirements must include the  
79 | following:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

101 a 911 public safety telecommunicator;

102 b. Performs as a 911 public safety telecommunicator on an

103 occasional or limited basis; and

104 c. Passes the department-approved examination that

105 measures the competency and proficiency of an applicant in the

106 subject material comprising the public safety telecommunication

107 program.

108 2. A sworn state-certified law enforcement officer who

109 fails an examination taken under subparagraph 1. must take a

110 department-approved public safety telecommunication training

111 program prior to retaking the examination.

112 3. The testing required under this paragraph is exempt

113 from the examination fee required under subsection (4) ~~(3)~~.

114 (3) TELECOMMUNICATOR CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION

115 TRAINING.—

116 (a) In addition to the certification and recertification

117 requirements contained in this section, 911 public safety

118 telecommunicators who take telephone calls and provide dispatch

119 functions for emergency medical conditions shall also receive

120 telecommunicator cardiopulmonary resuscitation training every 2

121 years.

122 (b) The department shall establish a procedure to monitor

123 adherence to the training requirements of this subsection and

124 may adjust state grant or shared revenue funds to a public

125 safety agency as defined in s. 365.171(3)(d) based on its

126 | employees' adherence or failure to adhere to such requirements.

127 |       Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.