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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 the
6 medical directors of licensed emergency medical
7 services providers by a specified date each year;
8 requiring the department to develop a sample heart
9 attack-triage assessment tool; requiring the
10 department to post the sample assessment tool on its
11 website and provide a copy of it to all licensed
12 emergency medical services providers; requiring such
13 providers to use an assessment tool substantially
14 similar to the one developed by the department;
15 requiring the medical director of each licensed
16 emergency medical services provider to develop and
17 implement certain protocols for heart attack patients;
18 requiring licensed emergency medical services
19 providers to comply with certain provisions; amending
20 s. 401.465, F.S.; defining the term "telecommunicator
21 cardiopulmonary resuscitation training"; requiring
22 certain 911 public safety telecommunicators to receive
23 biennial telecommunicator cardiopulmonary
24 resuscitation training; requiring the department to
25 establish a procedure to monitor adherence to the
26 training requirements; authorizing the department to
27 adjust state grant or shared revenue funds distributed
28 to certain entities based on their employees'
29 adherence or failure to adhere to the training

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30 requirements; providing an effective date.

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

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34 Section 1. Section 395.3042, Florida Statutes, is created
35 to read:

36 395.3042 Emergency medical services providers; triage and
37 transportation of heart attack victims to an adult
38 cardiovascular services provider.-

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

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

51 (3) The medical director of each licensed emergency medical
52 services provider shall develop and implement assessment,
53 treatment, and transport-destination protocols for heart attack
54 patients, with the intent to assess and treat patients and
55 transport them to the most appropriate hospital. Such protocols
56 must include the development and implementation of a plan for
57 the triage and transport of patients with acute heart attack
58 symptoms.

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59 (4) Each emergency medical services provider licensed under
60 chapter 401 shall comply with this section.

61 Section 2. Present subsections (3) and (4) of section
62 401.465, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (4)
63 and (5), respectively, paragraph (d) of subsection (1) and a new
64 subsection (3) are added to that section, and paragraphs (d) and
65 (j) of subsection (2) of that section are amended, to read:

66 401.465 911 public safety telecommunicator certification.—

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

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

76 (2) PERSONNEL; STANDARDS AND CERTIFICATION.—

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

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

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

86 3. Certification under oath that the applicant is free from
87 any physical or mental defect or disease that might impair the

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88 applicant's ability to perform his or her duties;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

115 (3) TELECOMMUNICATOR CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION
116 TRAINING.—

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117 (a) In addition to the certification and recertification
118 requirements imposed in subsection (2), 911 public safety
119 telecommunicators who take telephone calls and provide dispatch
120 functions for emergency medical conditions shall also receive
121 telecommunicator cardiopulmonary resuscitation training every 2
122 years.

123 (b) The department shall establish a procedure to monitor
124 adherence to the training requirements of this subsection and
125 may adjust state grant or shared revenue funds distributed to a
126 public safety agency as defined in s. 365.171(3)(d) based on its
127 employees' adherence or failure to adhere to these requirements.

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