



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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BILL SUMMARY

- Specifies that the basic course of emergency service telecommunicator training must consist of between 40 and 60 hours of instruction or training that, at a minimum, conform to Project 33 Revised Minimum Training Standards for Public Safety Telecommunicators of the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials.
- Prohibits an emergency service provider from employing an emergency service telecommunicator who is not certified under state law.
- Specifies that the basic course of emergency service telecommunicator training must include instruction in the protocol for submerged vehicle situations and other situations where an individual's life is immediately endangered.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Emergency service telecommunicator training

The bill modifies the basic course of emergency service telecommunicator training of the State Board of Education that a person must successfully complete in order to obtain certification as an emergency service telecommunicator. An emergency service telecommunicator is an individual who is employed by an emergency service provider, whose primary responsibility is to be an operator for the receipt or processing of calls for emergency services made by telephone, radio, or other electronic means.¹ The bill specifies that the basic course must consist of between 40 and 60 hours of instruction or training that, at a minimum, conform to Project 33 Revised Minimum Training Standards for Public Safety Telecommunicators of the Association of Public-

¹ R.C. 4742.01(B).

Safety Communications Officials. Current law just specifies at least 40 hours of instruction or training.²

The bill also specifies that the basic course of emergency service telecommunicator training must include instruction in the protocol for submerged vehicle situations and other situations where an individual's life is immediately endangered.³ In developing this protocol, the State Board of Education is required to consult current state training requirements established for peace officers, emergency medical service personnel, and firefighters.⁴

Under current law, the basic course entails instruction or training in a number of enumerated subjects, including the role of emergency service telecommunicators, effective communication skills, and emergency service telecommunicator liability.⁵

The bill prohibits an emergency service provider from employing an emergency service telecommunicator who is not certified under state law.⁶

HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
Introduced	05-10-11

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² R.C. 4742.04(A)(1). The Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials is headquartered in Daytona Beach, Florida (1-386-322-2500).

³ R.C. 4742.04(A)(2)(g).

⁴ R.C. 4742.04(B)(1) to (3).

⁵ R.C. 4742.04(A)(2)(a) to (c).

⁶ R.C. 4742.02.

