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PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



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*Public Safety and Security Committee
Planning and Development Committee*

**AN ACT EXEMPTING CERTIFIED POLICE OFFICERS FROM
TELECOMMUNICATOR TRAINING**

SUMMARY: This act exempts any police officer certified by the Police Officer Standards and Training Council (POST) from telecommunicator training if he or she is also certified as a medical response technician. The law already exempts anyone who, by reason of experience or specialized training, demonstrates competence in performing telecommunicator training standards. As is currently the case for others who are exempt, police officers must get a written acknowledgement of achievement from the Office of State-wide Emergency Telecommunications (OSET), which has developed training standards and certifies telecommunicators.

By law, a “telecommunicator” is employed by a public or private safety agency primarily to take 9-1-1 calls and dispatch emergency services.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2011

BACKGROUND

POST

POST is responsible for training, certifying, and establishing minimum qualifications for municipal police officers.

OSET

OSET, in cooperation with public safety agencies:

1. sets minimum training standards for telecommunicators, develops examination programs for them, and certifies those who meet the required standards;
2. certifies telecommunicator instructors; and
3. coordinates the delivery of telecommunicator training programs, as required, to public safety agencies.

OSET pays for telecommunicator training and reimburses some training-related overtime costs with money from the state’s E 9-1-1 Telecommunications Fund. Money for the fund comes from fees assessed on subscribers of local telephone and commercial mobile radio services.

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