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Referred to Committee on Public Safety and Security

Introduced by:
(PS)

AN ACT CONCERNING EMERGENCY MEDICAL DISPATCH TRAINING.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (g) of section 28-25b of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2012*):

4 (g) (1) Not later than July 1, 2004, each public safety answering point
5 shall provide emergency medical dispatch, or shall arrange for
6 emergency medical dispatch to be provided by a public safety agency,
7 private safety agency or regional emergency telecommunications
8 center, in connection with all 9-1-1 calls received by such public safety
9 answering point for which emergency medical services are required.
10 Any public safety answering point that arranges for emergency
11 medical dispatch to be provided by a public safety agency, private
12 safety agency or regional emergency telecommunications center shall
13 file with the office such documentation as the office may require to
14 demonstrate that such public safety agency, private safety agency or
15 regional emergency telecommunications center satisfies the
16 requirements of subdivisions (2) and (3) of this subsection.

17 (2) Each public safety answering point, public safety agency, private
18 safety agency or regional emergency telecommunications center
19 performing emergency medical dispatch in accordance with
20 subdivision (1) of this subsection shall establish and maintain an
21 emergency medical dispatch program. Such program shall include, but
22 not be limited to, the following elements: (A) Medical interrogation,
23 dispatch prioritization and prearrival instructions in connection with
24 9-1-1 calls requiring emergency medical services shall be provided
25 only by personnel who have been trained in emergency medical
26 dispatch through satisfactory completion of a training course provided
27 or approved by the office under subdivision (3) of this subsection; (B) a
28 medically approved emergency medical dispatch priority reference
29 system shall be utilized by such personnel; (C) emergency medical
30 dispatch continuing education shall be provided for such personnel;
31 (D) a mechanism shall be employed to detect and correct discrepancies
32 between established emergency medical dispatch protocols and actual
33 emergency medical dispatch practice; and (E) a quality assurance
34 component shall be implemented to monitor, at a minimum, (i)
35 emergency medical dispatch time intervals, (ii) the utilization of
36 emergency medical dispatch program components, and (iii) the
37 appropriateness of emergency medical dispatch instructions and
38 dispatch protocols. The quality assurance component shall be prepared
39 with the assistance of a physician licensed in this state who is trained
40 in emergency medicine and shall provide for an ongoing review of the
41 effectiveness of the emergency medical dispatch program.

42 (3) Not later than July 1, 2001, the office shall provide an emergency
43 medical dispatch training course and an emergency medical dispatch
44 continuing education course, or approve any emergency medical
45 dispatch training course and emergency medical dispatch continuing
46 education course offered by other providers, that meets the
47 requirements of the U.S. Department of Transportation, National
48 Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Emergency Medical Dispatch
49 (EMD): National Standard Curriculum, as from time to time amended.

50 (4) The office shall provide each public safety answering point or
51 regional emergency telecommunications center performing emergency
52 medical dispatch in accordance with subdivision (1) of this subsection
53 with initial training of emergency medical dispatch personnel and an
54 emergency medical dispatch priority reference card set.

55 (5) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (2) of this
56 subsection, any public safety answering point that has arranged for
57 emergency medical dispatch to be provided by a public safety agency,
58 private safety agency or regional emergency telecommunications
59 center pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection shall be exempt
60 from the requirement to provide emergency medical dispatch training
61 and continuing education to personnel of such public safety answering
62 point.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2012	28-25b(g)

Statement of Purpose:

To exempt a public safety answering point from the requirement to provide emergency medical dispatch training and continuing education to its personnel if that facility has arranged with another entity for the provision of emergency medical dispatch services.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]