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Primary Sponsors: Reps. Fowler Arthur and John

Effective date: Emergency: April 6, 2023; conforming amendments effective December 29, 2023

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SUMMARY

- Reverses the following changes enacted in H.B. 509 of the 134th General Assembly:
 - The merger of the emergency medical services (EMS) training programs with the EMS continuing education programs.
 - The merger of the corresponding instructor certifications for training and continuing education.
- Removes the requirement that the State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services adopt rules governing procedures for the merger.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Background

H.B. 509 of the 134th General Assembly made changes to the law governing several occupational licenses. Among the changes, it merged the emergency medical services (EMS) training and continuing education programs. H.B. 509 took effect April 6, 2023. The State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services was required to adopt rules to effectuate the merger of the programs.

EMS training and continuing education mergers

The act reverses the changes made by H.B. 509 that required EMS training and continuing education to be operated as a joint program. Thus, it requires the training and continuing education programs to continue to operate as two separate programs. Correspondingly, it eliminates the requirement that the Board establish procedures for accrediting EMS training and continuing education programs under one certificate of

accreditation. Additionally, the act removes the requirement that the Board adopt rules to effectuate the merger and manage the steps that operators and instructors need to take to continue to retain certification.¹

Emergency clause and future versions

Because H.B. 509 took effect on April 6, 2023, the act declares an emergency and specifies that its provisions take effect on that date. By doing so, the act's provisions override the effective date of the related H.B. 509 provisions. The act does not affect H.B. 509 provisions that are unrelated to the EMS training and continuing education merger.

Additionally, another act, S.B. 131 of the 134th General Assembly, created future versions of several sections impacted by this act. The act amends the future versions, in order to continue its changes beyond December 29, 2023.²

HISTORY

Action	Date
Introduced	02-15-23
Reported, H. State & Local Gov't	03-01-23
Passed House (95-0)	03-01-23
Reported, S. Local Gov't	03-28-23
Passed Senate (31-0)	03-29-23
House concurred in Senate amendments (95-0)	03-29-23

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¹ R.C. 4765.10, 4765.11, 4765.15, 4765.16, 4765.17, 4765.18, 4765.22, 4765.23, 4765.24, 4765.29, 4765.30, 4765.31, 4765.49, and 4765.50.

² Sections 3 to 8.