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**A BILL**

To amend sections 505.38, 737.22, 4765.10, 4765.11, 1  
4765.15, 4765.16, 4765.17, 4765.18, 4765.22, 2  
4765.23, 4765.24, 4765.29, 4765.30, 4765.31, 3  
4765.49, 4765.50, and 4765.55 of the Revised 4  
Code to restore law related to emergency medical 5  
services training and continuing education 6  
programs and EMS and fire instructor 7  
certification, to amend the versions of sections 8  
4765.10, 4765.11, 4765.30, and 4765.55 of the 9  
Revised Code that are scheduled to take effect 10  
on December 29, 2023, to continue the changes on 11  
and after that date, and to declare an 12  
emergency. 13

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** That sections 505.38, 737.22, 4765.10, 4765.11, 14  
4765.15, 4765.16, 4765.17, 4765.18, 4765.22, 4765.23, 4765.24, 15  
4765.29, 4765.30, 4765.31, 4765.49, 4765.50, and 4765.55 of the 16  
Revised Code be amended to read as follows: 17

**Sec. 505.38.** (A) In each township or fire district that 18



has a fire department, the head of the department shall be a 19  
fire chief, appointed by the board of township trustees, except 20  
that, in a joint fire district, the fire chief shall be 21  
appointed by the board of fire district trustees. Neither this 22  
section nor any other section of the Revised Code requires, or 23  
shall be construed to require, that the fire chief be a resident 24  
of the township or fire district. 25

The board shall provide for the employment of firefighters 26  
as it considers best and shall fix their compensation. No person 27  
shall be appointed as a permanent full-time paid member, whose 28  
duties include fire fighting, of the fire department of any 29  
township or fire district unless that person has received a 30  
certificate issued under former section 3303.07 or section 31  
4765.55 of the Revised Code evidencing satisfactory completion 32  
of a firefighter training program. Those appointees shall 33  
continue in office until removed from office as provided by 34  
sections 733.35 to 733.39 of the Revised Code. To initiate 35  
removal proceedings, and for that purpose, the board shall 36  
designate the fire chief or a private citizen to investigate the 37  
conduct and prepare the necessary charges in conformity with 38  
those sections. 39

In case of the removal of a fire chief or any member of 40  
the fire department of a township or fire district, an appeal 41  
may be had from the decision of the board to the court of common 42  
pleas of the county in which the township or fire district fire 43  
department is situated to determine the sufficiency of the cause 44  
of removal. The appeal from the findings of the board shall be 45  
taken within ten days. 46

No person who is appointed as a volunteer firefighter of 47  
the fire department of any township or fire district shall 48

remain in that position unless either of the following applies: 49

(1) Within one year of the appointment, the person has 50  
received a certificate issued under former section 3303.07 of 51  
the Revised Code or section 4765.55 of the Revised Code 52  
evidencing satisfactory completion of a firefighter training 53  
program. 54

(2) The person began serving as a permanent full-time paid 55  
firefighter with the fire department of a city or village prior 56  
to July 2, 1970, or as a volunteer firefighter with the fire 57  
department of a city, village, or other township or fire 58  
district prior to July 2, 1979, and receives a certificate 59  
issued under ~~division (C) (3) of~~ section 4765.55 of the Revised 60  
Code. 61

No person shall receive an appointment under this section, 62  
in the case of a volunteer firefighter, unless the person has, 63  
not more than sixty days prior to receiving the appointment, 64  
passed a physical examination, given by a licensed physician, a 65  
physician assistant, a clinical nurse specialist, a certified 66  
nurse practitioner, or a certified nurse-midwife, showing that 67  
the person meets the physical requirements necessary to perform 68  
the duties of the position to which the person is appointed as 69  
established by the board of township trustees having 70  
jurisdiction over the appointment. The appointing authority, 71  
prior to making an appointment, shall file with the Ohio police 72  
and fire pension fund or the local volunteer fire fighters' 73  
dependents fund board a copy of the report or findings of that 74  
licensed physician, physician assistant, clinical nurse 75  
specialist, certified nurse practitioner, or certified nurse- 76  
midwife. The professional fee for the physical examination shall 77  
be paid for by the board of township trustees. 78

(B) In each township not having a fire department, the board of township trustees shall appoint a fire prevention officer who shall exercise all of the duties of a fire chief except those involving the maintenance and operation of fire apparatus. The board may appoint one or more deputy fire prevention officers who shall exercise the duties assigned by the fire prevention officer.

The board may fix the compensation for the fire prevention officer and the fire prevention officer's deputies as it considers best. The board shall appoint each fire prevention officer and deputy for a one-year term. An appointee may be reappointed at the end of a term to another one-year term. Any appointee may be removed from office during a term as provided by sections 733.35 to 733.39 of the Revised Code. Section 505.45 of the Revised Code extends to those officers.

(C) (1) Division (A) of this section does not apply to any township that has a population of ten thousand or more persons residing within the township and outside of any municipal corporation, that has its own fire department employing ten or more full-time paid employees, and that has a civil service commission established under division (B) of section 124.40 of the Revised Code. The township shall comply with the procedures for the employment, promotion, and discharge of firefighters provided by Chapter 124. of the Revised Code, except as otherwise provided in divisions (C) (2) and (3) of this section.

(2) The board of township trustees of the township may appoint the fire chief, and any person so appointed shall be in the unclassified service under section 124.11 of the Revised Code and shall serve at the pleasure of the board. Neither this section nor any other section of the Revised Code requires, or

shall be construed to require, that the fire chief be a resident 109  
of the township. A person who is appointed fire chief under 110  
these conditions and who is removed by the board or resigns from 111  
the position is entitled to return to the classified service in 112  
the township fire department in the position held just prior to 113  
the appointment as fire chief. 114

(3) The appointing authority of an urban township, as 115  
defined in section 504.01 of the Revised Code, may appoint to a 116  
vacant position any one of the three highest scorers on the 117  
eligible list for a promotional examination. 118

(4) The board of township trustees shall determine the 119  
number of personnel required and establish salary schedules and 120  
conditions of employment not in conflict with Chapter 124. of 121  
the Revised Code. 122

(5) No person shall receive an original appointment as a 123  
permanent full-time paid member of the fire department of the 124  
township described in this division unless the person has 125  
received a certificate issued under former section 3303.07 or 126  
section 4765.55 of the Revised Code evidencing the satisfactory 127  
completion of a firefighter training program. 128

(6) Persons employed as firefighters in the township 129  
described in this division on the date a civil service 130  
commission is appointed pursuant to division (B) of section 131  
124.40 of the Revised Code, without being required to pass a 132  
competitive examination or a firefighter training program, shall 133  
retain their employment and any rank previously granted them by 134  
action of the board of township trustees or otherwise, but those 135  
persons are eligible for promotion only by compliance with 136  
Chapter 124. of the Revised Code. 137

**Sec. 737.22.** (A) Each village establishing a fire 138  
department shall have a fire chief as the department's head, 139  
appointed by the mayor with the advice and consent of the 140  
legislative authority of the village, who shall continue in 141  
office until removed from office as provided by sections 733.35 142  
to 733.39 of the Revised Code. Neither this section nor any 143  
other section of the Revised Code requires, or shall be 144  
construed to require, that the fire chief be a resident of the 145  
village. 146

In each village not having a fire department, the mayor 147  
shall, with the advice and consent of the legislative authority 148  
of the village, appoint a fire prevention officer who shall 149  
exercise all of the duties of a fire chief except those 150  
involving the maintenance and operation of fire apparatus. 151

The legislative authority of the village may fix the 152  
compensation it considers best. The appointee shall continue in 153  
office until removed from office as provided by sections 733.35 154  
to 733.39 of the Revised Code. Section 737.23 of the Revised 155  
Code shall extend to the officer. 156

(B) The legislative authority of the village may provide 157  
for the appointment of permanent full-time paid firefighters as 158  
it considers best and fix their compensation, or for the 159  
services of volunteer firefighters, who shall be appointed by 160  
the mayor with the advice and consent of the legislative 161  
authority, and shall continue in office until removed from 162  
office. 163

(1) No person shall be appointed as a permanent full-time 164  
paid firefighter of a village fire department, unless either of 165  
the following applies: 166

(a) The person has received a certificate issued under 167  
former section 3303.07 of the Revised Code or section 4765.55 of 168  
the Revised Code evidencing satisfactory completion of a 169  
firefighter training program. 170

(b) The person began serving as a permanent full-time paid 171  
firefighter with the fire department of a city or other village 172  
prior to July 2, 1970, and receives a fire training certificate 173  
issued under section 4765.55 of the Revised Code. 174

(2) No person who is appointed as a volunteer firefighter 175  
of a village fire department shall remain in that position, 176  
unless either of the following applies: 177

(a) Within one year of the appointment, the person has 178  
received a certificate issued under former section 3303.07 or 179  
section 4765.55 of the Revised Code evidencing satisfactory 180  
completion of a firefighter training program. 181

(b) The person has served as a permanent full-time paid 182  
firefighter with the fire department of a city or other village 183  
prior to July 2, 1970, or as a volunteer firefighter with the 184  
fire department of a city, township, fire district, or other 185  
village prior to July 2, 1979, and receives a certificate issued 186  
under ~~division (C) (3) of~~ section 4765.55 of the Revised Code. 187

(3) No person shall receive an appointment under this 188  
section unless the person has, not more than sixty days prior to 189  
receiving the appointment, passed a physical examination, given 190  
by a licensed physician, a physician assistant, a clinical nurse 191  
specialist, a certified nurse practitioner, or a certified 192  
nurse-midwife, showing that the person meets the physical 193  
requirements necessary to perform the duties of the position to 194  
which the person is to be appointed as established by the 195

legislative authority of the village. The appointing authority 196  
shall, prior to making an appointment, file with the Ohio police 197  
and fire pension fund or the local volunteer fire fighters' 198  
dependents fund board a copy of the report or findings of that 199  
licensed physician, physician assistant, clinical nurse 200  
specialist, certified nurse practitioner, or certified nurse- 201  
midwife. The professional fee for the physical examination shall 202  
be paid for by the legislative authority of the village. 203

**Sec. 4765.10.** (A) The state board of emergency medical, 204  
fire, and transportation services shall do all of the following: 205

(1) Administer and enforce the provisions of this chapter 206  
and the rules adopted under it; 207

(2) Approve, in accordance with procedures established in 208  
rules adopted under section 4765.11 of the Revised Code, 209  
examinations that demonstrate competence to have a certificate 210  
to practice renewed without completing a continuing education 211  
requirements program; 212

(3) Advise applicants for state or federal emergency 213  
medical services funds, review and comment on applications for 214  
these funds, and approve the use of all state and federal funds 215  
designated solely for emergency medical service programs unless 216  
federal law requires another state agency to approve the use of 217  
all such federal funds; 218

(4) Serve as a statewide clearinghouse for discussion, 219  
inquiry, and complaints concerning emergency medical services; 220

(5) Make recommendations to the general assembly on 221  
legislation to improve the delivery of emergency medical 222  
services; 223

(6) Maintain a toll-free long distance telephone number 224



through which it shall respond to questions about emergency	225
medical services;	226
(7) Work with appropriate state offices in coordinating	227
the training of firefighters and emergency medical service	228
personnel. Other state offices that are involved in the training	229
of firefighters or emergency medical service personnel shall	230
cooperate with the board and its committees and subcommittees to	231
achieve this goal.	232
(8) Provide a liaison to the state emergency operation	233
center during those periods when a disaster, as defined in	234
section 5502.21 of the Revised Code, has occurred in this state	235
and the governor has declared an emergency as defined in that	236
section.	237
(B) The board may do any of the following:	238
(1) Investigate complaints concerning emergency medical	239
services and emergency medical service organizations as it	240
determines necessary;	241
(2) Enter into reciprocal agreements with other states	242
that have standards for accreditation of emergency medical	243
services training <del>and continuing education</del> programs and for	244
certification of first responders, EMTs-basic, EMTs-I,	245
paramedics, firefighters, or fire safety inspectors that are	246
substantially similar to those established under this chapter	247
and the rules adopted under it;	248
(3) Establish a statewide public information system and	249
public education programs regarding emergency medical services;	250
(4) Establish an injury prevention program.	251
(C) The state board of emergency medical, fire, and	252

transportation services shall not regulate any profession that 253  
otherwise is regulated by another board, commission, or similar 254  
regulatory entity. 255

**Sec. 4765.11.** (A) The state board of emergency medical, 256  
fire, and transportation services shall adopt, and may amend and 257  
rescind, rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised 258  
Code and divisions (C) and (D) of this section that establish 259  
all of the following: 260

(1) Procedures for its governance and the control of its 261  
actions and business affairs; 262

(2) Standards for the performance of emergency medical 263  
services by first responders, emergency medical technicians- 264  
basic, emergency medical technicians-intermediate, and emergency 265  
medical technicians-paramedic; 266

(3) Application fees for certificates of accreditation, 267  
certificates of approval, certificates to teach, and 268  
certificates to practice, which shall be deposited into the 269  
trauma and emergency medical services fund created in section 270  
4513.263 of the Revised Code; 271

(4) Criteria for determining when the application or 272  
renewal fee for a certificate to practice may be waived because 273  
an applicant cannot afford to pay the fee; 274

(5) Procedures for issuance and renewal of certificates of 275  
accreditation, certificates of approval, certificates to teach, 276  
and certificates to practice, including any measures necessary 277  
to implement section 9.79 of the Revised Code and any procedures 278  
necessary to ensure that adequate notice of renewal is provided 279  
in accordance with division (D) of section 4765.30 of the 280  
Revised Code; 281

(6) Procedures for suspending or revoking certificates of accreditation, <u>certificates of approval</u> , certificates to teach, and certificates to practice;	282 283 284
(7) Grounds for suspension or revocation of a certificate to practice issued under section 4765.30 of the Revised Code and for taking any other disciplinary action against a first responder, EMT-basic, EMT-I, or paramedic;	285 286 287 288
(8) Procedures for taking disciplinary action against a first responder, EMT-basic, EMT-I, or paramedic;	289 290
(9) Standards for certificates of accreditation <u>and certificates of approval</u> ;	291 292
(10) Qualifications for certificates to teach;	293
(11) Requirements for a certificate to practice;	294
(12) The curricula, number of hours of instruction and training, and instructional materials to be used in adult and pediatric emergency medical services training <del>and continuing education programs</del> <u>and adult and pediatric emergency medical services continuing education programs</u> ;	295 296 297 298 299
(13) Procedures for conducting courses in recognizing symptoms of life-threatening allergic reactions and in calculating proper dosage levels and administering injections of epinephrine to adult and pediatric patients who suffer life-threatening allergic reactions;	300 301 302 303 304
(14) Examinations for certificates to practice;	305
(15) Procedures for administering examinations for certificates to practice;	306 307
(16) Procedures for approving examinations that	308

demonstrate competence to have a certificate to practice renewed 309  
without completing an emergency medical services continuing 310  
education ~~requirements~~program; 311

(17) Procedures for granting extensions and exemptions of 312  
emergency medical services continuing education requirements; 313

(18) Specifications of the emergency medical services that 314  
first responders are authorized to perform under section 4765.35 315  
of the Revised Code, that EMTs-basic are authorized to perform 316  
under section 4765.37 of the Revised Code, that EMTs-I are 317  
authorized to perform under section 4765.38 of the Revised Code, 318  
and that paramedics are authorized to perform under section 319  
4765.39 of the Revised Code; 320

(19) Standards and procedures for implementing the 321  
requirements of section 4765.06 of the Revised Code, including 322  
designations of the persons who are required to report 323  
information to the board and the types of information to be 324  
reported; 325

(20) Procedures for administering the emergency medical 326  
services grant program established under section 4765.07 of the 327  
Revised Code; 328

(21) Procedures consistent with Chapter 119. of the 329  
Revised Code for appealing decisions of the board; 330

(22) Minimum qualifications and peer review and quality 331  
improvement requirements for persons who provide medical 332  
direction to emergency medical service personnel, including, 333  
subject to division (B) of section 4765.42 of the Revised Code, 334  
qualifications for a physician to be eligible to serve as the 335  
medical director of an emergency medical service organization or 336  
a member of its cooperating physician advisory board; 337

(23) The manner in which a patient, or a patient's parent, guardian, or custodian, may consent to the board releasing identifying information about the patient under division (D) of section 4765.102 of the Revised Code;

(24) Circumstances under which a training ~~or continuing~~ education program or continuing education program, or portion of either type of program, may be taught by a person who does not hold a certificate to teach issued under section 4765.23 of the Revised Code;

(25) Certification cycles for certificates issued under sections 4765.23 and 4765.30 of the Revised Code and certificates issued by the executive director of the state board of emergency medical, fire, and transportation services under section 4765.55 of the Revised Code that establish a common expiration date for all certificates;

~~(26) Procedures and requirements for accrediting emergency medical services training and continuing education programs under one certificate of accreditation. An accredited program shall offer both training and continuing education services. The rules adopted under division (A) (26) of this section shall specify all of the following:~~

~~(a) The steps that the operator of a training program accredited prior to the effective date of this amendment shall take in order to offer continuing education courses;~~

~~(b) The steps the operator of a continuing education program accredited prior to the effective date of this amendment shall take in order to offer training courses;~~

~~(c) The steps any person certified as an emergency medical instructor or an emergency medical services continuing education~~

~~teacher prior to the effective date of this amendment shall take 367  
to retain certification in order to teach both training and 368  
continuing education courses. 369~~

(B) The board may adopt, and may amend and rescind, rules 370  
in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code and 371  
divisions (C) and (D) of this section that establish any of the 372  
following: 373

(1) Specifications of information that may be collected 374  
under the trauma system registry and incidence reporting system 375  
created under section 4765.06 of the Revised Code; 376

(2) Standards and procedures for implementing any of the 377  
recommendations made by any committees of the board or under 378  
section 4765.04 of the Revised Code; 379

(3) Procedures and requirements for conducting background 380  
checks on applicants for the issuance and renewal of 381  
certificates of accreditation, certificates of approval, 382  
certificates to teach, and certificates to practice in 383  
accordance with section 109.578 of the Revised Code; 384

(4) Any other rules necessary to implement this chapter. 385

(C) In developing and administering rules adopted under 386  
this chapter, the state board of emergency medical, fire, and 387  
transportation services shall consult with regional directors 388  
and regional advisory boards appointed under section 4765.05 of 389  
the Revised Code and emphasize the special needs of pediatric 390  
and geriatric patients. 391

~~(D) On and after the effective date of this amendment, the 392  
executive director shall not require certification to practice 393  
as an emergency medical services assistant instructor and shall 394  
not adopt or enforce rules or issue a certificate regarding the 395~~

~~position of an emergency medical services assistant instructor. 396~~  
~~Any emergency medical services assistant instructor certificate 397~~  
~~that was issued in accordance with rules adopted under division 398~~  
~~(A) of this section prior to the effective date of this 399~~  
~~amendment remain valid only until the expiration date of the 400~~  
~~certificate, subject to any conditions or responsibilities of 401~~  
~~retaining the validity of that certificate. The certificate 402~~  
~~shall not be renewed. The board shall adopt, amend, or rescind 403~~  
~~rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code in 404~~  
~~order to effectuate this division. 405~~

~~(E) Except as otherwise provided in this division, before 406~~  
~~adopting, amending, or rescinding any rule under this chapter, 407~~  
~~the board shall submit the proposed rule to the director of 408~~  
~~public safety for review. The director may review the proposed 409~~  
~~rule for not more than sixty days after the date it is 410~~  
~~submitted. If, within this sixty-day period, the director 411~~  
~~approves the proposed rule or does not notify the board that the 412~~  
~~rule is disapproved, the board may adopt, amend, or rescind the 413~~  
~~rule as proposed. If, within this sixty-day period, the director 414~~  
~~notifies the board that the proposed rule is disapproved, the 415~~  
~~board shall not adopt, amend, or rescind the rule as proposed 416~~  
~~unless at least twelve members of the board vote to adopt, 417~~  
~~amend, or rescind it. 418~~

~~This division does not apply to an emergency rule adopted 419~~  
~~in accordance with section 119.03 of the Revised Code. 420~~

**Sec. 4765.15.** A person seeking to operate an emergency 421  
medical services training ~~and continuing education~~ program shall 422  
submit a completed application for accreditation to the state 423  
board of emergency medical, fire, and transportation services on 424  
a form the board shall prescribe and furnish. The application 425

shall be accompanied by the appropriate application fee 426  
established in rules adopted under section 4765.11 of the 427  
Revised Code. 428

A person seeking to operate an emergency medical services 429  
continuing education program shall submit a completed 430  
application for approval to the board on a form the board shall 431  
prescribe and furnish. The application shall be accompanied by 432  
the appropriate application fee established in rules adopted 433  
under section 4765.11 of the Revised Code. 434

The board shall administer the accreditation ~~process and~~ 435  
approval processes pursuant to rules adopted under section 436  
4765.11 of the Revised Code. In administering ~~this process~~these 437  
processes, the board may authorize other persons to evaluate 438  
applications for accreditation or approval and may accept the 439  
recommendations made by those persons. 440

The board may cause an investigation to be made into the 441  
accuracy of the information submitted in any application for 442  
accreditation or approval. If an investigation indicates that 443  
false, misleading, or incomplete information has been submitted 444  
to the board in connection with any application for 445  
accreditation or approval, the board shall conduct a hearing on 446  
the matter in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. 447

**Sec. 4765.16.** (A) All courses offered through an emergency 448  
medical services training ~~and continuing education program or an~~ 449  
emergency medical services continuing education program, other 450  
than an ambulance driving course and the dementia-related 451  
training course developed under section 4765.162 of the Revised 452  
Code, shall be developed under the direction of a physician who 453  
specializes in emergency medicine. Each course that deals with 454  
trauma care shall be developed in consultation with a physician 455



who specializes in trauma surgery. 456

Except as specified by the state board of emergency 457  
medical, fire, and transportation services pursuant to rules 458  
adopted under section 4765.11 of the Revised Code, each course 459  
offered through a training ~~and continuing education program~~ or 460  
continuing education program shall be taught by a person who 461  
holds the appropriate certificate to teach issued under section 462  
4765.23 of the Revised Code. 463

(B) ~~All~~ A training program for first responders shall meet 464  
the standards established in rules adopted by the board under 465  
section 4765.11 of the Revised Code. The ~~training program~~ shall 466  
include courses in each of the following areas for at least the 467  
number of hours established by the board's rules: 468

(1) Emergency victim care; 469

(2) Reading and interpreting a trauma victim's vital 470  
signs; 471

(3) Identifying and interacting with individuals with 472  
dementia, as provided in the dementia-related training course 473  
developed under section 4765.162 of the Revised Code. 474

(C) ~~All~~ A training program for emergency medical 475  
technicians-basic shall meet the standards established in rules 476  
adopted by the board under section 4765.11 of the Revised Code. 477  
The ~~training program~~ shall include courses in each of the 478  
following areas for at least the number of hours established by 479  
the board's rules: 480

(1) Emergency victim care; 481

(2) Reading and interpreting a trauma victim's vital 482  
signs; 483

(3) Triage protocols for adult and pediatric trauma victims;	484 485
(4) In-hospital training;	486
(5) Clinical training;	487
(6) Training as an ambulance driver;	488
(7) Identifying and interacting with individuals with dementia, as provided in the dementia-related training course developed under section 4765.162 of the Revised Code.	489 490 491
Each operator of a training <del>and continuing education</del> program for emergency medical technicians-basic shall allow any pupil in the twelfth grade in a secondary school who is at least seventeen years old and who otherwise meets the requirements for admission into such a <u>training</u> program to be admitted to and complete the program and, as part of <u>the</u> training, to ride in an ambulance with emergency medical technicians-basic, emergency medical technicians-intermediate, and emergency medical technicians-paramedic. Each emergency medical service organization shall allow pupils participating in training <u>programs</u> to ride in an ambulance with emergency medical technicians-basic, advanced emergency medical technicians-intermediate, and emergency medical technicians-paramedic.	492 493 494 495 496 497 498 499 500 501 502 503 504
(D) <del>All</del> <u>A</u> training <u>program</u> for emergency medical technicians-intermediate shall meet the standards established in rules adopted by the board under section 4765.11 of the Revised Code. The <del>training program</del> shall include, or require as a prerequisite, the training specified in division (C) of this section and courses in each of the following areas for at least the number of hours established by the board's rules:	505 506 507 508 509 510 511
(1) Recognizing symptoms of life-threatening allergic	512

reactions and in calculating proper dosage levels and 513  
administering injections of epinephrine to persons who suffer 514  
life-threatening allergic reactions, conducted in accordance 515  
with rules adopted by the board under section 4765.11 of the 516  
Revised Code; 517

(2) Venous access procedures; 518

(3) Cardiac monitoring and electrical interventions to 519  
support or correct the cardiac function. 520

(E) ~~All~~ A training program for emergency medical 521  
technicians-paramedic shall meet the standards established in 522  
rules adopted by the board under section 4765.11 of the Revised 523  
Code. The ~~training program~~ shall include, or require as a 524  
prerequisite, the training specified in divisions (C) and (D) of 525  
this section and courses in each of the following areas for at 526  
least the number of hours established by the board's rules: 527

(1) Medical terminology; 528

(2) Venous access procedures; 529

(3) Airway procedures; 530

(4) Patient assessment and triage; 531

(5) Acute cardiac care, including administration of 532  
parenteral injections, electrical interventions, and other 533  
emergency medical services; 534

(6) Emergency and trauma victim care beyond that required 535  
under division (C) of this section; 536

(7) Clinical training beyond that required under division 537  
(C) of this section. 538

(F) ~~All~~ A continuing education program for first 539

responders, EMTs-basic, EMTs-I, or paramedics shall meet the 540  
standards established in rules adopted by the board under 541  
section 4765.11 of the Revised Code. ~~All~~ A continuing education 542  
program shall include instruction and training in subjects 543  
established by the board's rules for at least the number of 544  
hours established by the board's rules. ~~Continuing~~ A continuing 545  
education program also shall include instruction in identifying 546  
and interacting with individuals with dementia, as provided in 547  
the dementia-related training course developed under section 548  
4765.162 of the Revised Code. The continuing education 549  
requirements for paramedics shall not require more than seventy- 550  
five hours of continuing education for every three-year 551  
certification cycle. 552

**Sec. 4765.17.** (A) The state board of emergency medical, 553  
fire, and transportation services shall issue the appropriate 554  
certificate of accreditation or certificate of approval to an 555  
applicant who meets the requirements of section 4765.16 of the 556  
Revised Code. The board shall grant or deny a certificate of 557  
accreditation or certificate of approval within one hundred 558  
twenty days of receipt of the application. The board may issue a 559  
certificate of accreditation or certificate of approval on a 560  
provisional basis to an applicant who is in substantial 561  
compliance with the requirements of section 4765.16 of the 562  
Revised Code or renew a certificate of accreditation or 563  
certificate of approval on a provisional basis to an applicant 564  
who is of good reputation and is in substantial compliance with 565  
the requirements of section 4765.16 of the Revised Code. The 566  
board shall inform an applicant receiving such a certificate of 567  
the conditions that must be met to complete compliance with 568  
section 4765.16 of the Revised Code. 569

(B) Except as provided in division (C) of this section, a 570

certificate of accreditation or certificate of approval is valid 571  
for up to five years and may be renewed by the board pursuant to 572  
procedures and standards established in rules adopted under 573  
section 4765.11 of the Revised Code. An application for renewal 574  
shall be accompanied by the appropriate renewal fee established 575  
in rules adopted under section 4765.11 of the Revised Code. 576

(C) A certificate of accreditation or certificate of 577  
approval issued on a provisional basis is valid for the length 578  
of time established by the board. If the board finds that the 579  
holder of such a certificate has met the conditions it specifies 580  
under division (A) of this section, the board shall issue the 581  
appropriate certificate of accreditation or certificate of 582  
approval. 583

(D) A certificate of accreditation is valid only for the 584  
emergency medical services training ~~and continuing education~~ 585  
program or programs for which it is issued. The holder of a 586  
certificate of accreditation may apply to operate additional 587  
training ~~and continuing education~~ programs in accordance with 588  
rules adopted by the board under section 4765.11 of the Revised 589  
Code. Any additional training ~~and continuing education~~ programs 590  
shall expire on the expiration date of the applicant's current 591  
certificate. A certificate of ~~accreditation~~ approval is valid 592  
only for the emergency medical services continuing education 593  
program for which it is issued. Neither is ~~not~~ transferable. 594

(E) The holder of a certificate of accreditation or 595  
certificate of approval may offer courses at more than one 596  
location in accordance with rules adopted under section 4765.11 597  
of the Revised Code. 598

**Sec. 4765.18.** The state board of emergency medical, fire, 599  
and transportation services may suspend or revoke a certificate 600

of accreditation or a certificate of approval issued under 601  
section 4765.17 of the Revised Code for any of the following 602  
reasons: 603

(A) Violation of this chapter or any rule adopted under 604  
it; 605

(B) Furnishing of false, misleading, or incomplete 606  
information to the board; 607

(C) The signing of an application or the holding of a 608  
certificate of accreditation by a person who has pleaded guilty 609  
to or has been convicted of a felony, or has pleaded guilty to 610  
or been convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude; 611

(D) The signing of an application or the holding of a 612  
certificate of accreditation by a person who is addicted to the 613  
use of any controlled substance or has been adjudicated 614  
incompetent for that purpose by a court, as provided in section 615  
5122.301 of the Revised Code; 616

(E) Violation of any commitment made in an application for 617  
a certificate of accreditation or certificate of approval; 618

(F) Presentation to prospective students of misleading, 619  
false, or fraudulent information relating to the emergency 620  
medical services training ~~and continuing education program~~ or 621  
emergency medical services continuing education program, 622  
employment opportunities, or opportunities for enrollment in 623  
accredited institutions of higher education after entering or 624  
completing courses offered by the operator of a program; 625

(G) Failure to maintain in a safe and sanitary condition 626  
premises and equipment used in conducting courses of study; 627

(H) Failure to maintain financial resources adequate for 628

the satisfactory conduct of courses of study or to retain a 629  
sufficient number of certified instructors; 630

(I) Discrimination in the acceptance of students upon the 631  
basis of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. 632

**Sec. 4765.22.** A person seeking a certificate to teach in 633  
an emergency medical services training ~~and continuing education~~ 634  
program or an emergency medical services continuing education 635  
program shall submit a completed application for certification 636  
to the state board of emergency medical, fire, and 637  
transportation services on a form the board shall prescribe and 638  
furnish. The application shall be accompanied by the appropriate 639  
application fee established in rules adopted under section 640  
4765.11 of the Revised Code. 641

**Sec. 4765.23.** The state board of emergency medical, fire, 642  
and transportation services shall issue a certificate to teach 643  
in an emergency medical services training ~~and continuing~~ 644  
~~education program~~ or an emergency medical services continuing 645  
education program to any applicant who it determines meets the 646  
qualifications established in rules adopted under section 647  
4765.11 of the Revised Code. The certificate shall indicate ~~the~~ 648  
each type of instruction and training the certificate holder may 649  
teach under the certificate. 650

A certificate to teach shall have a certification cycle 651  
established by the board and may be renewed by the board 652  
pursuant to rules adopted under section 4765.11 of the Revised 653  
Code. An application for renewal shall be accompanied by the 654  
appropriate renewal fee established in rules adopted under 655  
section 4765.11 of the Revised Code. 656

The board may suspend or revoke a certificate to teach 657

pursuant to rules adopted under section 4765.11 of the Revised Code. 658  
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**Sec. 4765.24.** The operator of an accredited training ~~and~~ continuing education program for first responders shall issue a certificate of completion in first responder training to each student who successfully completes the training program described in division (B) of section 4765.16 of the Revised Code. 660  
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The operator of an accredited training ~~and continuing~~ education program for emergency medical technicians-basic shall issue a certificate of completion in emergency medical services training-basic to each student who successfully completes the EMT-basic training program described in division (C) of section 4765.16 of the Revised Code. 666  
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The operator of an accredited training ~~and continuing~~ education program for emergency medical technicians-intermediate shall issue a certificate of completion in emergency medical services training-intermediate to each student who successfully completes the EMT-I training program described in division (D) of section 4765.16 of the Revised Code. 672  
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The operator of an accredited training ~~and continuing~~ education program for emergency medical technicians-paramedic shall issue a certificate of completion in emergency medical services training-paramedic to each student who successfully completes the training program described in division (E) of section 4765.16 of the Revised Code. 678  
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The operator of an ~~accredited training and approved~~ emergency medical services continuing education program shall issue the appropriate certificate of completion in emergency 684  
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medical services continuing education to each student who 687  
successfully completes ~~any a~~ continuing education ~~requirements~~ 688  
program described in division (F) of section 4765.16 of the 689  
Revised Code. 690

**Sec. 4765.29.** (A) The state board of emergency medical, 691  
fire, and transportation services shall provide for the 692  
examination of applicants for certification to practice as first 693  
responders, emergency medical technicians-basic, emergency 694  
medical technicians-intermediate, and emergency medical 695  
technicians-paramedic. The examinations shall be established by 696  
the board in rules adopted under section 4765.11 of the Revised 697  
Code. The board may administer the examinations or contract with 698  
other persons to administer the examinations. In either case, 699  
the examinations shall be administered pursuant to procedures 700  
established in rules adopted under section 4765.11 of the 701  
Revised Code and shall be offered at various locations in the 702  
state selected by the board. 703

Except as provided in division (B) of this section, an 704  
applicant shall not be permitted to take an examination for the 705  
same certificate to practice more than three times since last 706  
receiving the certificate of completion pursuant to section 707  
4765.24 of the Revised Code that qualifies the applicant to take 708  
the examination unless the applicant receives another 709  
certificate of completion that qualifies the applicant to take 710  
the examination. 711

(B) On request of an applicant who fails three 712  
examinations for the same certificate to practice, the board may 713  
direct the applicant to complete a specific portion of an 714  
accredited emergency medical services training ~~and continuing~~ 715  
~~education~~ program. If the applicant provides satisfactory proof 716

to the board that the applicant has successfully completed that 717  
portion of the program, the applicant shall be permitted to take 718  
the examination. 719

**Sec. 4765.30.** All of the following apply to the state 720  
board of emergency medical, fire, and transportation services 721  
with respect to issuing and renewing certificates to practice: 722

(A) The board shall issue a certificate to practice as a 723  
first responder to an applicant who meets all of the following 724  
conditions: 725

(1) Holds the appropriate certificate of completion issued 726  
in accordance with section 4765.24 of the Revised Code; 727

(2) Passes the appropriate examination conducted under 728  
section 4765.29 of the Revised Code; 729

(3) Is not in violation of any provision of this chapter 730  
or the rules adopted under it; 731

(4) Meets any other certification requirements established 732  
in rules adopted under section 4765.11 of the Revised Code. 733

(B) The board shall issue a certificate to practice as an 734  
emergency medical technician-basic to an applicant who meets all 735  
of the following conditions: 736

(1) Holds the appropriate certificate of completion issued 737  
in accordance with section 4765.24 of the Revised Code; 738

(2) Passes the appropriate examination conducted under 739  
section 4765.29 of the Revised Code; 740

(3) Is not in violation of any provision of this chapter 741  
or the rules adopted under it; 742

(4) Meets any other certification requirements established 743

in rules adopted under section 4765.11 of the Revised Code. 744

(C) The board shall issue a certificate to practice as an 745  
emergency medical technician-intermediate or emergency medical 746  
technician-paramedic to an applicant who meets all of the 747  
following conditions: 748

(1) Holds a certificate to practice as an emergency 749  
medical technician-basic; 750

(2) Holds the appropriate certificate of completion issued 751  
in accordance with section 4765.24 of the Revised Code; 752

(3) Passes the appropriate examination conducted under 753  
section 4765.29 of the Revised Code; 754

(4) Is not in violation of any provision of this chapter 755  
or the rules adopted under it; 756

(5) Meets any other certification requirements established 757  
in rules adopted under section 4765.11 of the Revised Code. 758

(D) A certificate to practice shall have a certification 759  
cycle established by the board and may be renewed by the board 760  
pursuant to rules adopted under section 4765.11 of the Revised 761  
Code. Not later than sixty days prior to the expiration date of 762  
an individual's certificate to practice, the board shall notify 763  
the individual of the scheduled expiration. 764

An application for renewal shall be accompanied by the 765  
appropriate renewal fee established in rules adopted under 766  
section 4765.11 of the Revised Code, unless the board waives the 767  
fee on determining pursuant to those rules that the applicant 768  
cannot afford to pay the fee. Except as provided in division (B) 769  
of section 4765.31 of the Revised Code, the application shall 770  
include evidence of either of the following: 771

(1) That the applicant received a certificate of 772  
completion from the appropriate emergency medical services 773  
~~training and~~ continuing education program pursuant to section 774  
4765.24 of the Revised Code; 775

(2) That the applicant has successfully passed an 776  
examination that demonstrates the competence to have a 777  
certificate renewed without completing an emergency medical 778  
services continuing education ~~requirements~~program. The board 779  
shall approve such examinations in accordance with rules adopted 780  
under section 4765.11 of the Revised Code. 781

(E) The board shall not require an applicant for renewal 782  
of a certificate to practice to take an examination as a 783  
condition of renewing the certificate. This division does not 784  
preclude the use of examinations by operators of ~~accredited-~~ 785  
approved emergency medical services ~~training and~~ continuing 786  
education programs as a condition for issuance of a certificate 787  
of completion in emergency medical services continuing 788  
education. 789

**Sec. 4765.31.** (A) Except as provided in division (B) of 790  
this section, a first responder, emergency medical technician- 791  
basic, emergency medical technician-intermediate, and emergency 792  
medical technician-paramedic shall complete ~~all an~~ emergency 793  
medical services continuing education ~~requirements~~program or 794  
pass an examination approved by the state board of emergency 795  
medical, fire, and transportation services under division (A) of 796  
section 4765.10 of the Revised Code prior to the expiration of 797  
the individual's certificate to practice. Completion of the 798  
continuing education requirements for EMTs-I or paramedics 799  
satisfies the continuing education requirements for renewing the 800  
certificate to practice as an EMT-basic held by an EMT-I or 801

paramedic. 802

(B) (1) An applicant for renewal of a certificate to 803  
practice may apply to the board, in writing, for an extension to 804  
complete the continuing education requirements established under 805  
division (A) of this section. The board may grant such an 806  
extension and determine the length of the extension. The board 807  
may authorize the applicant to continue to practice during the 808  
extension as if the certificate to practice had not expired. 809

(2) An applicant for renewal of a certificate to practice 810  
may apply to the board, in writing, for an exemption from the 811  
continuing education requirements established under division (A) 812  
of this section. The board may exempt an individual or a group 813  
of individuals from all or any part of the continuing education 814  
requirements due to active military service, unusual 815  
circumstance, emergency, special hardship, or any other cause 816  
considered reasonable by the board. 817

(C) Decisions of whether to grant an extension or 818  
exemption under division (B) of this section shall be made by 819  
the board pursuant to procedures established in rules adopted 820  
under section 4765.11 of the Revised Code. 821

**Sec. 4765.49.** (A) A first responder, emergency medical 822  
technician-basic, emergency medical technician-intermediate, or 823  
emergency medical technician-paramedic is not liable in damages 824  
in a civil action for injury, death, or loss to person or 825  
property resulting from the individual's administration of 826  
emergency medical services, unless the services are administered 827  
in a manner that constitutes willful or wanton misconduct. A 828  
physician, physician assistant designated by a physician, or 829  
registered nurse designated by a physician, any of whom is 830  
advising or assisting in the emergency medical services by means 831

of any communication device or telemetering system, is not 832  
liable in damages in a civil action for injury, death, or loss 833  
to person or property resulting from the individual's advisory 834  
communication or assistance, unless the advisory communication 835  
or assistance is provided in a manner that constitutes willful 836  
or wanton misconduct. Medical directors and members of 837  
cooperating physician advisory boards of emergency medical 838  
service organizations are not liable in damages in a civil 839  
action for injury, death, or loss to person or property 840  
resulting from their acts or omissions in the performance of 841  
their duties, unless the act or omission constitutes willful or 842  
wanton misconduct. 843

(B) A political subdivision, joint ambulance district, 844  
joint emergency medical services district, or other public 845  
agency, and any officer or employee of a public agency or of a 846  
private organization operating under contract or in joint 847  
agreement with one or more political subdivisions, that provides 848  
emergency medical services, or that enters into a joint 849  
agreement or a contract with the state, any political 850  
subdivision, joint ambulance district, or joint emergency 851  
medical services district for the provision of emergency medical 852  
services, is not liable in damages in a civil action for injury, 853  
death, or loss to person or property arising out of any actions 854  
taken by a first responder, EMT-basic, EMT-I, or paramedic 855  
working under the officer's or employee's jurisdiction, or for 856  
injury, death, or loss to person or property arising out of any 857  
actions of licensed medical personnel advising or assisting the 858  
first responder, EMT-basic, EMT-I, or paramedic, unless the 859  
services are provided in a manner that constitutes willful or 860  
wanton misconduct. 861

(C) A student who is enrolled in an emergency medical 862

services training ~~and continuing education~~ program accredited 863  
under section 4765.17 of the Revised Code or an emergency 864  
medical services continuing education program approved under 865  
that section is not liable in damages in a civil action for 866  
injury, death, or loss to person or property resulting from 867  
either of the following: 868

(1) The student's administration of emergency medical 869  
services or patient care or treatment, if the services, care, or 870  
treatment is administered while the student is under the direct 871  
supervision and in the immediate presence of an EMT-basic, EMT- 872  
I, paramedic, registered nurse, physician assistant, or 873  
physician and while the student is receiving clinical training 874  
that is required by the program, unless the services, care, or 875  
treatment is provided in a manner that constitutes willful or 876  
wanton misconduct; 877

(2) The student's training as an ambulance driver, unless 878  
the driving is done in a manner that constitutes willful or 879  
wanton misconduct. 880

(D) An EMT-basic, EMT-I, paramedic, or other operator, who 881  
holds a valid commercial driver's license issued pursuant to 882  
Chapter 4506. of the Revised Code or driver's license issued 883  
pursuant to Chapter 4507. of the Revised Code and who is 884  
employed by an emergency medical service organization that is 885  
not owned or operated by a political subdivision as defined in 886  
section 2744.01 of the Revised Code, is not liable in damages in 887  
a civil action for injury, death, or loss to person or property 888  
that is caused by the operation of an ambulance by the EMT- 889  
basic, EMT-I, paramedic, or other operator while responding to 890  
or completing a call for emergency medical services, unless the 891  
operation constitutes willful or wanton misconduct or does not 892

comply with the precautions of section 4511.03 of the Revised 893  
Code. An emergency medical service organization is not liable in 894  
damages in a civil action for any injury, death, or loss to 895  
person or property that is caused by the operation of an 896  
ambulance by its employee or agent, if this division grants the 897  
employee or agent immunity from civil liability for the injury, 898  
death, or loss. 899

(E) An employee or agent of an emergency medical service 900  
organization who receives requests for emergency medical 901  
services that are directed to the organization, dispatches first 902  
responders, EMTs-basic, EMTs-I, or paramedics in response to 903  
those requests, communicates those requests to those employees 904  
or agents of the organization who are authorized to dispatch 905  
first responders, EMTs-basic, EMTs-I, or paramedics, or performs 906  
any combination of these functions for the organization, is not 907  
liable in damages in a civil action for injury, death, or loss 908  
to person or property resulting from the individual's acts or 909  
omissions in the performance of those duties for the 910  
organization, unless an act or omission constitutes willful or 911  
wanton misconduct. 912

(F) A person who is performing the functions of a first 913  
responder, EMT-basic, EMT-I, or paramedic under the authority of 914  
the laws of a state that borders this state and who provides 915  
emergency medical services to or transportation of a patient in 916  
this state is not liable in damages in a civil action for 917  
injury, death, or loss to person or property resulting from the 918  
person's administration of emergency medical services, unless 919  
the services are administered in a manner that constitutes 920  
willful or wanton misconduct. A physician, physician assistant 921  
designated by a physician, or registered nurse designated by a 922  
physician, any of whom is licensed to practice in the adjoining 923



state and who is advising or assisting in the emergency medical 924  
services by means of any communication device or telemetering 925  
system, is not liable in damages in a civil action for injury, 926  
death, or loss to person or property resulting from the person's 927  
advisory communication or assistance, unless the advisory 928  
communication or assistance is provided in a manner that 929  
constitutes willful or wanton misconduct. 930

(G) A person certified under section 4765.23 of the 931  
Revised Code to teach in an emergency medical services training 932  
~~and continuing education program~~ or emergency medical services 933  
continuing education program, and a person who teaches at the 934  
Ohio fire academy established under section 3737.33 of the 935  
Revised Code or in a fire service training program described in 936  
division (A) of section 4765.55 of the Revised Code, is not 937  
liable in damages in a civil action for injury, death, or loss 938  
to person or property resulting from the person's acts or 939  
omissions in the performance of the person's duties, unless an 940  
act or omission constitutes willful or wanton misconduct. 941

(H) In the accreditation of emergency medical services 942  
training ~~and continuing education programs~~ or approval of 943  
emergency medical services continuing education programs, the 944  
state board of emergency medical, fire, and transportation 945  
services and any person or entity authorized by the board to 946  
evaluate applications for accreditation or approval are not 947  
liable in damages in a civil action for injury, death, or loss 948  
to person or property resulting from their acts or omissions in 949  
the performance of their duties, unless an act or omission 950  
constitutes willful or wanton misconduct. 951

(I) A person authorized by an emergency medical service 952  
organization to review the performance of first responders, 953

EMTs-basic, EMTs-I, and paramedics or to administer quality 954  
assurance programs is not liable in damages in a civil action 955  
for injury, death, or loss to person or property resulting from 956  
the person's acts or omissions in the performance of the 957  
person's duties, unless an act or omission constitutes willful 958  
or wanton misconduct. 959

**Sec. 4765.50.** (A) Except as provided in division (D) of 960  
this section, no person shall represent that the person is a 961  
first responder, an emergency medical technician-basic or EMT- 962  
basic, an emergency medical technician-intermediate or EMT-I, or 963  
an emergency medical technician-paramedic or paramedic unless 964  
appropriately certified under section 4765.30 of the Revised 965  
Code. 966

~~(B)~~ (B) (1) No person shall operate an emergency medical 967  
services training ~~and continuing education~~ program without a 968  
certificate of accreditation issued under section 4765.17 of the 969  
Revised Code. 970

(2) No person shall operate an emergency medical services 971  
continuing education program without a certificate of approval 972  
issued under section 4765.17 of the Revised Code. 973

(C) No public or private entity shall advertise or 974  
disseminate information leading the public to believe that the 975  
entity is an emergency medical service organization, unless that 976  
entity actually provides emergency medical services. 977

(D) A person who is performing the functions of a first 978  
responder, EMT-basic, EMT-I, or paramedic under the authority of 979  
the laws of a jurisdiction other than this state, who is 980  
employed by or serves as a volunteer with an emergency medical 981  
service organization based in that state, and provides emergency 982

medical services to or transportation of a patient in this state 983  
is not in violation of division (A) of this section. 984

A person who is performing the functions of a first 985  
responder, EMT-basic, EMT-I, or paramedic under a reciprocal 986  
agreement authorized by section 4765.10 of the Revised Code is 987  
not in violation of division (A) of this section. 988

(E) On and after November 3, 2002, no physician shall 989  
purposefully do any of the following: 990

(1) Admit an adult trauma patient to a hospital that is 991  
not an adult trauma center for the purpose of providing adult 992  
trauma care; 993

(2) Admit a pediatric trauma patient to a hospital that is 994  
not a pediatric trauma center for the purpose of providing 995  
pediatric trauma care; 996

(3) Fail to transfer an adult or pediatric trauma patient 997  
to an adult or pediatric trauma center in accordance with 998  
applicable federal law, state law, and adult or pediatric trauma 999  
protocols and patient transfer agreements adopted under section 1000  
3727.09 of the Revised Code. 1001

**Sec. 4765.55.** (A) The executive director of the state 1002  
board of emergency medical, fire, and transportation services, 1003  
with the advice and counsel of the firefighter and fire safety 1004  
inspector training committee of the state board of emergency 1005  
medical, fire, and transportation services, shall assist in the 1006  
establishment and maintenance by any state agency, or any 1007  
county, township, city, village, school district, or educational 1008  
service center of a fire service training program for the 1009  
training of all persons in positions of any fire training 1010  
certification level approved by the executive director, 1011

including full-time paid firefighters, part-time paid 1012  
firefighters, volunteer firefighters, and fire safety inspectors 1013  
in this state. The executive director, with the advice and 1014  
counsel of the committee, shall adopt rules to regulate those 1015  
firefighter and fire safety inspector training programs, and 1016  
other training programs approved by the executive director. The 1017  
rules may include, but need not be limited to, training 1018  
curriculum, certification examinations, training schedules, 1019  
minimum hours of instruction, attendance requirements, required 1020  
equipment and facilities, basic physical requirements, and 1021  
methods of training for all persons in positions of any fire 1022  
training certification level approved by the executive director, 1023  
including full-time paid firefighters, part-time paid 1024  
firefighters, volunteer firefighters, and fire safety 1025  
inspectors. The rules adopted to regulate training programs for 1026  
volunteer firefighters shall not require more than thirty-six 1027  
hours of training. 1028

The executive director, with the advice and counsel of the 1029  
committee, shall provide for the classification and chartering 1030  
of fire service training programs in accordance with rules 1031  
adopted under division (B) of this section, and may take action 1032  
against any chartered training program or applicant, in 1033  
accordance with rules adopted under divisions (B) (4) and (5) of 1034  
this section, for failure to meet standards set by the adopted 1035  
rules. 1036

(B) The executive director, with the advice and counsel of 1037  
the firefighter and fire safety inspector training committee of 1038  
the state board of emergency medical, fire, and transportation 1039  
services, shall adopt, and may amend or rescind, rules under 1040  
Chapter 119. of the Revised Code that establish all of the 1041  
following: 1042

(1) Requirements for, and procedures for chartering, the	1043
training programs regulated by this section;	1044
(2) Requirements for, and requirements and procedures for	1045
obtaining and renewing, an instructor certificate to teach the	1046
training programs and continuing education classes regulated by	1047
this section;	1048
(3) Requirements for, and requirements and procedures for	1049
obtaining and renewing, any of the fire training certificates	1050
regulated by this section;	1051
(4) Grounds and procedures for suspending, revoking,	1052
restricting, or refusing to issue or renew any of the	1053
certificates or charters regulated by this section, which	1054
grounds shall be limited to one of the following:	1055
(a) Failure to satisfy the education or training	1056
requirements of this section;	1057
(b) Conviction of a felony offense;	1058
(c) Conviction of a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude;	1059
(d) Conviction of a misdemeanor committed in the course of	1060
practice;	1061
(e) In the case of a chartered training program or	1062
applicant, failure to meet standards set by the rules adopted	1063
under this division.	1064
(5) Grounds and procedures for imposing and collecting	1065
finest, not to exceed one thousand dollars, in relation to	1066
actions taken under division (B) (4) of this section against	1067
persons holding certificates and charters regulated by this	1068
section, the fines to be deposited into the trauma and emergency	1069
medical services fund established under section 4513.263 of the	1070

Revised Code; 1071

(6) Continuing education requirements for certificate holders, including a requirement that credit shall be granted for in-service training programs conducted by local entities. The continuing education requirements shall not require more than thirty-six hours of continuing education every three-year certification cycle. Local entities may require additional continuing education, provided that completion of such additional continuing education is not required for renewal of certification. 1072  
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(7) Procedures for considering the granting of an extension or exemption of fire service continuing education requirements; 1081  
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(8) Certification cycles for which the certificates and charters regulated by this section are valid; 1084  
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(9) If determined necessary by the executive director, procedures and requirements for conducting background checks on applicants for the issuance and renewal of certification as a fire safety inspector in accordance with section 109.578 of the Revised Code. 1086  
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(C) (1) The executive director, with the advice and counsel of the firefighter and fire safety inspector training committee of the state board of emergency medical, fire, and transportation services, shall issue or renew an instructor certificate to teach the training programs and continuing education classes regulated by this section to any applicant that the executive director determines meets the qualifications established in rules adopted under division (B) of this section, and may take disciplinary action against an instructor 1091  
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certificate holder or applicant in accordance with rules adopted 1100  
under division (B) of this section. 1101

~~(2) On and after the effective date of this amendment, the 1102  
executive director shall not require certification to practice 1103  
as an assistant fire instructor and shall not adopt or enforce 1104  
rules or issue a certificate regarding the position of assistant 1105  
fire instructor. Any assistant fire instructor certificate that 1106  
was issued in accordance with rules adopted under division (B) 1107  
of this section prior to the effective date of this amendment 1108  
remains valid until the expiration date of the certificate, 1109  
subject to any conditions or responsibilities of retaining the 1110  
validity of that certificate. The certificate shall not be 1111  
renewed. The executive director shall adopt, amend, or rescind 1112  
rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code in 1113  
order to effectuate division (C) (2) of this section. 1114~~

~~(3) The executive director, with the advice and counsel of 1115  
the committee, shall charter or renew the charter of any 1116  
training program that the executive director determines meets 1117  
the qualifications established in rules adopted under division 1118  
(B) of this section, and may take disciplinary action against 1119  
the holder of a charter in accordance with rules adopted under 1120  
division (B) of this section. 1121~~

(D) The executive director shall issue or renew a fire 1122  
training certificate for a firefighter, a fire safety inspector, 1123  
or another position of any fire training certification level 1124  
approved by the executive director, to any applicant that the 1125  
executive director determines meets the qualifications 1126  
established in rules adopted under division (B) of this section 1127  
and may take disciplinary actions against a certificate holder 1128  
or applicant in accordance with rules adopted under division (B) 1129

of this section. 1130

(E) Certificates issued under this section shall be on a 1131  
form prescribed by the executive director, with the advice and 1132  
counsel of the firefighter and fire safety inspector training 1133  
committee of the state board of emergency medical, fire, and 1134  
transportation services. 1135

(F) (1) The executive director, with the advice and counsel 1136  
of the firefighter and fire safety inspector training committee 1137  
of the state board of emergency medical, fire, and 1138  
transportation services, shall establish criteria for evaluating 1139  
the standards maintained by other states and the branches of the 1140  
United States military for firefighter, fire safety inspector, 1141  
and fire instructor training programs, and other training 1142  
programs recognized by the executive director, to determine 1143  
whether the standards are equivalent to those established under 1144  
this section and shall establish requirements and procedures for 1145  
issuing a certificate to each person who presents proof to the 1146  
executive director of having satisfactorily completed a training 1147  
program that meets those standards. 1148

(2) The executive director, with the committee's advice 1149  
and counsel, shall adopt rules establishing requirements and 1150  
procedures for issuing a fire training certificate in lieu of 1151  
completing a chartered training program. 1152

(G) Nothing in this section invalidates any other section 1153  
of the Revised Code relating to the fire training academy. 1154  
Section 4765.11 of the Revised Code does not affect any powers 1155  
and duties granted to the executive director under this section. 1156

(H) Notwithstanding any provision of division (B) (4) of 1157  
this section to the contrary, the executive director shall not 1158



adopt rules for refusing to issue any of the certificates or 1159  
charters regulated by this section to an applicant because of a 1160  
criminal conviction unless the rules establishing grounds and 1161  
procedures for refusal are in accordance with section 9.79 of 1162  
the Revised Code. 1163

**Section 2.** That existing sections 505.38, 737.22, 4765.10, 1164  
4765.11, 4765.15, 4765.16, 4765.17, 4765.18, 4765.22, 4765.23, 1165  
4765.24, 4765.29, 4765.30, 4765.31, 4765.49, 4765.50, and 1166  
4765.55 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 1167

**Section 3.** Sections 1 and 2 of this act take effect April 1168  
6, 2023. 1169

**Section 4.** That the versions of sections 4765.10, 4765.11, 1170  
4765.30, and 4765.55 of the Revised Code that are scheduled to 1171  
take effect December 29, 2023, be amended to read as follows: 1172

**Sec. 4765.10.** (A) The state board of emergency medical, 1173  
fire, and transportation services shall do all of the following: 1174

(1) Administer and enforce the provisions of this chapter 1175  
and the rules adopted under it; 1176

(2) Approve, in accordance with procedures established in 1177  
rules adopted under section 4765.11 of the Revised Code, 1178  
examinations that demonstrate competence to have a certificate 1179  
to practice renewed without completing a continuing education 1180  
requirements program; 1181

(3) Advise applicants for state or federal emergency 1182  
medical services funds, review and comment on applications for 1183  
these funds, and approve the use of all state and federal funds 1184  
designated solely for emergency medical service programs unless 1185  
federal law requires another state agency to approve the use of 1186  
all such federal funds; 1187

- (4) Serve as a statewide clearinghouse for discussion, 1188  
inquiry, and complaints concerning emergency medical services; 1189
- (5) Make recommendations to the general assembly on 1190  
legislation to improve the delivery of emergency medical 1191  
services; 1192
- (6) Maintain a toll-free long distance telephone number 1193  
through which it shall respond to questions about emergency 1194  
medical services; 1195
- (7) Work with appropriate state offices in coordinating 1196  
the training of firefighters and emergency medical service 1197  
personnel. Other state offices that are involved in the training 1198  
of firefighters or emergency medical service personnel shall 1199  
cooperate with the board and its committees and subcommittees to 1200  
achieve this goal. 1201
- (8) Provide a liaison to the state emergency operation 1202  
center during those periods when a disaster, as defined in 1203  
section 5502.21 of the Revised Code, has occurred in this state 1204  
and the governor has declared an emergency as defined in that 1205  
section. 1206
- (B) The board may do any of the following: 1207
- (1) Investigate complaints concerning emergency medical 1208  
services and emergency medical service organizations as it 1209  
determines necessary; 1210
- (2) Establish a statewide public information system and 1211  
public education programs regarding emergency medical services; 1212
- (3) Establish an injury prevention program. 1213
- (C) The state board of emergency medical, fire, and 1214  
transportation services shall not regulate any profession that 1215

otherwise is regulated by another board, commission, or similar regulatory entity. 1216  
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**Sec. 4765.11.** (A) The state board of emergency medical, 1218  
fire, and transportation services shall adopt, and may amend and 1219  
rescind, rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised 1220  
Code and divisions (C) and (D) of this section that establish 1221  
all of the following: 1222

(1) Procedures for its governance and the control of its 1223  
actions and business affairs; 1224

(2) Standards for the performance of emergency medical 1225  
services by first responders, emergency medical technicians- 1226  
basic, emergency medical technicians-intermediate, and emergency 1227  
medical technicians-paramedic; 1228

(3) Application fees for certificates of accreditation, 1229  
certificates of approval, certificates to teach, and 1230  
certificates to practice, which shall be deposited into the 1231  
trauma and emergency medical services fund created in section 1232  
4513.263 of the Revised Code; 1233

(4) Criteria for determining when the application or 1234  
renewal fee for a certificate to practice may be waived because 1235  
an applicant cannot afford to pay the fee; 1236

(5) Procedures for issuance and renewal of certificates of 1237  
accreditation, certificates of approval, certificates to teach, 1238  
and certificates to practice, including any measures necessary 1239  
to implement section 9.79 of the Revised Code and any procedures 1240  
necessary to ensure that adequate notice of renewal is provided 1241  
in accordance with division (E) of section 4765.30 of the 1242  
Revised Code; 1243

(6) Procedures for suspending or revoking certificates of 1244

accreditation, <u>certificates of approval</u> , certificates to teach,	1245
and certificates to practice;	1246
(7) Grounds for suspension or revocation of a certificate	1247
to practice issued under section 4765.30 of the Revised Code and	1248
for taking any other disciplinary action against a first	1249
responder, EMT-basic, EMT-I, or paramedic;	1250
(8) Procedures for taking disciplinary action against a	1251
first responder, EMT-basic, EMT-I, or paramedic;	1252
(9) Standards for certificates of accreditation <u>and</u>	1253
<u>certificates of approval</u> ;	1254
(10) Qualifications for certificates to teach;	1255
(11) Requirements for a certificate to practice;	1256
(12) The curricula, number of hours of instruction and	1257
training, and instructional materials to be used in adult and	1258
pediatric emergency medical services training <del>and continuing</del>	1259
<del>education programs</del> <u>and adult and pediatric emergency medical</u>	1260
<u>services continuing education programs</u> ;	1261
(13) Procedures for conducting courses in recognizing	1262
symptoms of life-threatening allergic reactions and in	1263
calculating proper dosage levels and administering injections of	1264
epinephrine to adult and pediatric patients who suffer life-	1265
threatening allergic reactions;	1266
(14) Examinations for certificates to practice;	1267
(15) Procedures for administering examinations for	1268
certificates to practice;	1269
(16) Procedures for approving examinations that	1270
demonstrate competence to have a certificate to practice renewed	1271

without completing <u>an</u> emergency medical services continuing	1272
education <del>requirements</del> <u>program</u> ;	1273
(17) Procedures for granting extensions and exemptions of	1274
emergency medical services continuing education requirements;	1275
(18) Specifications of the emergency medical services that	1276
first responders are authorized to perform under section 4765.35	1277
of the Revised Code, that EMTs-basic are authorized to perform	1278
under section 4765.37 of the Revised Code, that EMTs-I are	1279
authorized to perform under section 4765.38 of the Revised Code,	1280
and that paramedics are authorized to perform under section	1281
4765.39 of the Revised Code;	1282
(19) Standards and procedures for implementing the	1283
requirements of section 4765.06 of the Revised Code, including	1284
designations of the persons who are required to report	1285
information to the board and the types of information to be	1286
reported;	1287
(20) Procedures for administering the emergency medical	1288
services grant program established under section 4765.07 of the	1289
Revised Code;	1290
(21) Procedures consistent with Chapter 119. of the	1291
Revised Code for appealing decisions of the board;	1292
(22) Minimum qualifications and peer review and quality	1293
improvement requirements for persons who provide medical	1294
direction to emergency medical service personnel, including,	1295
subject to division (B) of section 4765.42 of the Revised Code,	1296
qualifications for a physician to be eligible to serve as the	1297
medical director of an emergency medical service organization or	1298
a member of its cooperating physician advisory board;	1299
(23) The manner in which a patient, or a patient's parent,	1300

guardian, or custodian, may consent to the board releasing 1301  
identifying information about the patient under division (D) of 1302  
section 4765.102 of the Revised Code; 1303

(24) Circumstances under which a training ~~or continuing~~ 1304  
~~education program or continuing education program, or portion of~~ 1305  
~~either type of program,~~ may be taught by a person who does not 1306  
hold a certificate to teach issued under section 4765.23 of the 1307  
Revised Code; 1308

(25) Certification cycles for certificates issued under 1309  
sections 4765.23 and 4765.30 of the Revised Code and 1310  
certificates issued by the executive director of the state board 1311  
of emergency medical, fire, and transportation services under 1312  
section 4765.55 of the Revised Code that establish a common 1313  
expiration date for all certificates; 1314

~~(26) Procedures and requirements for accrediting emergency 1315  
medical services training and continuing education programs 1316  
under one certificate of accreditation. An accredited program 1317  
shall offer both training and continuing education services. The 1318  
rules adopted under division (A) (26) of this section shall 1319  
specify all of the following: 1320~~

~~(a) The steps that the operator of a training program 1321  
accredited prior to the effective date of this amendment shall 1322  
take in order to offer continuing education courses; 1323~~

~~(b) The steps the operator of a continuing education 1324  
program accredited prior to the effective date of this amendment 1325  
shall take in order to offer training courses; 1326~~

~~(c) The steps any person certified as an emergency medical 1327  
instructor or an emergency medical services continuing education 1328  
teacher prior to the effective date of this amendment shall take 1329~~

~~to retain certification in order to teach both training and~~ 1330  
~~continuing education courses.~~ 1331

(B) The board may adopt, and may amend and rescind, rules 1332  
in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code and 1333  
divisions (C) and (D) of this section that establish any of the 1334  
following: 1335

(1) Specifications of information that may be collected 1336  
under the trauma system registry and incidence reporting system 1337  
created under section 4765.06 of the Revised Code; 1338

(2) Standards and procedures for implementing any of the 1339  
recommendations made by any committees of the board or under 1340  
section 4765.04 of the Revised Code; 1341

(3) Procedures and requirements for conducting background 1342  
checks on applicants for the issuance and renewal of 1343  
certificates of accreditation, certificates of approval, 1344  
certificates to teach, and certificates to practice in 1345  
accordance with section 109.578 of the Revised Code; 1346

(4) Any other rules necessary to implement this chapter. 1347

(C) In developing and administering rules adopted under 1348  
this chapter, the state board of emergency medical, fire, and 1349  
transportation services shall consult with regional directors 1350  
and regional advisory boards appointed under section 4765.05 of 1351  
the Revised Code and emphasize the special needs of pediatric 1352  
and geriatric patients. 1353

~~(D) On and after the effective date of this amendment, the~~ 1354  
~~executive director shall not require certification to practice~~ 1355  
~~as an emergency medical services assistant instructor and shall~~ 1356  
~~not adopt or enforce rules or issue a certificate regarding the~~ 1357  
~~position of an emergency medical services assistant instructor.~~ 1358

~~Any emergency medical services assistant instructor certificate~~ 1359  
~~that was issued in accordance with rules adopted under division~~ 1360  
~~(A) of this section prior to the effective date of this~~ 1361  
~~amendment remain valid only until the expiration date of the~~ 1362  
~~certificate, subject to any conditions or responsibilities of~~ 1363  
~~retaining the validity of that certificate. The certificate~~ 1364  
~~shall not be renewed. The board shall adopt, amend, or rescind~~ 1365  
~~rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code in~~ 1366  
~~order to effectuate this division.~~ 1367

~~(E)~~ Except as otherwise provided in this division, before 1368  
adopting, amending, or rescinding any rule under this chapter, 1369  
the board shall submit the proposed rule to the director of 1370  
public safety for review. The director may review the proposed 1371  
rule for not more than sixty days after the date it is 1372  
submitted. If, within this sixty-day period, the director 1373  
approves the proposed rule or does not notify the board that the 1374  
rule is disapproved, the board may adopt, amend, or rescind the 1375  
rule as proposed. If, within this sixty-day period, the director 1376  
notifies the board that the proposed rule is disapproved, the 1377  
board shall not adopt, amend, or rescind the rule as proposed 1378  
unless at least twelve members of the board vote to adopt, 1379  
amend, or rescind it. 1380

This division does not apply to an emergency rule adopted 1381  
in accordance with section 119.03 of the Revised Code. 1382

~~(F)~~ (E) Notwithstanding any requirement for a certificate 1383  
issued in accordance with rules adopted by the board under this 1384  
section, the board, in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the 1385  
Revised Code, shall issue a certificate that is a license as 1386  
defined in section 4796.01 of the Revised Code to an individual 1387  
if either of the following applies: 1388



(1) The individual holds a license or certificate in 1389  
another state. 1390

(2) The individual has satisfactory work experience, a 1391  
government certification, or a private certification as 1392  
described in that chapter as a first responder, emergency 1393  
medical technician-basic, emergency medical technician- 1394  
intermediate, or emergency medical technician-paramedic in a 1395  
state that does not issue that license or certificate. 1396

**Sec. 4765.30.** All of the following apply to the state 1397  
board of emergency medical, fire, and transportation services 1398  
with respect to issuing and renewing certificates to practice: 1399

(A) The board shall issue a certificate to practice as a 1400  
first responder to an applicant who meets all of the following 1401  
conditions: 1402

(1) Holds the appropriate certificate of completion issued 1403  
in accordance with section 4765.24 of the Revised Code; 1404

(2) Passes the appropriate examination conducted under 1405  
section 4765.29 of the Revised Code; 1406

(3) Is not in violation of any provision of this chapter 1407  
or the rules adopted under it; 1408

(4) Meets any other certification requirements established 1409  
in rules adopted under section 4765.11 of the Revised Code. 1410

(B) The board shall issue a certificate to practice as an 1411  
emergency medical technician-basic to an applicant who meets all 1412  
of the following conditions: 1413

(1) Holds the appropriate certificate of completion issued 1414  
in accordance with section 4765.24 of the Revised Code; 1415

(2) Passes the appropriate examination conducted under section 4765.29 of the Revised Code;	1416 1417
(3) Is not in violation of any provision of this chapter or the rules adopted under it;	1418 1419
(4) Meets any other certification requirements established in rules adopted under section 4765.11 of the Revised Code.	1420 1421
(C) The board shall issue a certificate to practice as an emergency medical technician-intermediate or emergency medical technician-paramedic to an applicant who meets all of the following conditions:	1422 1423 1424 1425
(1) Holds a certificate to practice as an emergency medical technician-basic;	1426 1427
(2) Holds the appropriate certificate of completion issued in accordance with section 4765.24 of the Revised Code;	1428 1429
(3) Passes the appropriate examination conducted under section 4765.29 of the Revised Code;	1430 1431
(4) Is not in violation of any provision of this chapter or the rules adopted under it;	1432 1433
(5) Meets any other certification requirements established in rules adopted under section 4765.11 of the Revised Code.	1434 1435
(D) Notwithstanding any requirement for a certificate to practice issued under this section, the board shall issue a certificate in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code to an individual if either of the following applies:	1436 1437 1438 1439
(1) The individual holds a license or certificate in another state.	1440 1441
(2) The individual has satisfactory work experience, a	1442

government certification, or a private certification as 1443  
described in that chapter as a first responder in a state that 1444  
does not issue that license or certificate. 1445

(E) A certificate to practice shall have a certification 1446  
cycle established by the board and may be renewed by the board 1447  
pursuant to rules adopted under section 4765.11 of the Revised 1448  
Code. Not later than sixty days prior to the expiration date of 1449  
an individual's certificate to practice, the board shall notify 1450  
the individual of the scheduled expiration. 1451

An application for renewal shall be accompanied by the 1452  
appropriate renewal fee established in rules adopted under 1453  
section 4765.11 of the Revised Code, unless the board waives the 1454  
fee on determining pursuant to those rules that the applicant 1455  
cannot afford to pay the fee. Except as provided in division (B) 1456  
of section 4765.31 of the Revised Code, the application shall 1457  
include evidence of either of the following: 1458

(1) That the applicant received a certificate of 1459  
completion from the appropriate emergency medical services 1460  
~~training and~~ continuing education program pursuant to section 1461  
4765.24 of the Revised Code; 1462

(2) That the applicant has successfully passed an 1463  
examination that demonstrates the competence to have a 1464  
certificate renewed without completing an emergency medical 1465  
services continuing education ~~requirements~~ program. The board 1466  
shall approve such examinations in accordance with rules adopted 1467  
under section 4765.11 of the Revised Code. 1468

(F) The board shall not require an applicant for renewal 1469  
of a certificate to practice to take an examination as a 1470  
condition of renewing the certificate. This division does not 1471

preclude the use of examinations by operators of ~~accredited-~~ 1472  
~~approved~~ emergency medical services ~~training and~~ continuing 1473  
education programs as a condition for issuance of a certificate 1474  
of completion in emergency medical services continuing 1475  
education. 1476

**Sec. 4765.55.** (A) The executive director of the state 1477  
board of emergency medical, fire, and transportation services, 1478  
with the advice and counsel of the firefighter and fire safety 1479  
inspector training committee of the state board of emergency 1480  
medical, fire, and transportation services, shall assist in the 1481  
establishment and maintenance by any state agency, or any 1482  
county, township, city, village, school district, or educational 1483  
service center of a fire service training program for the 1484  
training of all persons in positions of any fire training 1485  
certification level approved by the executive director, 1486  
including full-time paid firefighters, part-time paid 1487  
firefighters, volunteer firefighters, and fire safety inspectors 1488  
in this state. The executive director, with the advice and 1489  
counsel of the committee, shall adopt rules to regulate those 1490  
firefighter and fire safety inspector training programs, and 1491  
other training programs approved by the executive director. The 1492  
rules may include, but need not be limited to, training 1493  
curriculum, certification examinations, training schedules, 1494  
minimum hours of instruction, attendance requirements, required 1495  
equipment and facilities, basic physical requirements, and 1496  
methods of training for all persons in positions of any fire 1497  
training certification level approved by the executive director, 1498  
including full-time paid firefighters, part-time paid 1499  
firefighters, volunteer firefighters, and fire safety 1500  
inspectors. The rules adopted to regulate training programs for 1501  
volunteer firefighters shall not require more than thirty-six 1502

hours of training. 1503

The executive director, with the advice and counsel of the 1504  
committee, shall provide for the classification and chartering 1505  
of fire service training programs in accordance with rules 1506  
adopted under division (B) of this section, and may take action 1507  
against any chartered training program or applicant, in 1508  
accordance with rules adopted under divisions (B)(4) and (5) of 1509  
this section, for failure to meet standards set by the adopted 1510  
rules. 1511

(B) The executive director, with the advice and counsel of 1512  
the firefighter and fire safety inspector training committee of 1513  
the state board of emergency medical, fire, and transportation 1514  
services, shall adopt, and may amend or rescind, rules under 1515  
Chapter 119. of the Revised Code that establish all of the 1516  
following: 1517

(1) Requirements for, and procedures for chartering, the 1518  
training programs regulated by this section; 1519

(2) Requirements for, and requirements and procedures for 1520  
obtaining and renewing, an instructor certificate to teach the 1521  
training programs and continuing education classes regulated by 1522  
this section; 1523

(3) Requirements for, and requirements and procedures for 1524  
obtaining and renewing, any of the fire training certificates 1525  
regulated by this section; 1526

(4) Grounds and procedures for suspending, revoking, 1527  
restricting, or refusing to issue or renew any of the 1528  
certificates or charters regulated by this section, which 1529  
grounds shall be limited to one of the following: 1530

(a) Failure to satisfy the education or training 1531

requirements of this section;	1532
(b) Conviction of a felony offense;	1533
(c) Conviction of a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude;	1534
(d) Conviction of a misdemeanor committed in the course of practice;	1535 1536
(e) In the case of a chartered training program or applicant, failure to meet standards set by the rules adopted under this division.	1537 1538 1539
(5) Grounds and procedures for imposing and collecting fines, not to exceed one thousand dollars, in relation to actions taken under division (B)(4) of this section against persons holding certificates and charters regulated by this section, the fines to be deposited into the trauma and emergency medical services fund established under section 4513.263 of the Revised Code;	1540 1541 1542 1543 1544 1545 1546
(6) Continuing education requirements for certificate holders, including a requirement that credit shall be granted for in-service training programs conducted by local entities. The continuing education requirements shall not require more than thirty-six hours of continuing education every three-year certification cycle. Local entities may require additional continuing education, provided that completion of such additional continuing education is not required for renewal of certification.	1547 1548 1549 1550 1551 1552 1553 1554 1555
(7) Procedures for considering the granting of an extension or exemption of fire service continuing education requirements;	1556 1557 1558
(8) Certification cycles for which the certificates and	1559

charters regulated by this section are valid; 1560

(9) If determined necessary by the executive director, 1561  
procedures and requirements for conducting background checks on 1562  
applicants for the issuance and renewal of certification as a 1563  
fire safety inspector in accordance with section 109.578 of the 1564  
Revised Code. 1565

(C) (1) The executive director, with the advice and counsel 1566  
of the firefighter and fire safety inspector training committee 1567  
of the state board of emergency medical, fire, and 1568  
transportation services, shall issue or renew an instructor 1569  
certificate to teach the training programs and continuing 1570  
education classes regulated by this section to any applicant 1571  
that the executive director determines meets the qualifications 1572  
established in rules adopted under division (B) of this section, 1573  
and may take disciplinary action against an instructor 1574  
certificate holder or applicant in accordance with rules adopted 1575  
under division (B) of this section. 1576

~~(2) On and after the effective date of this amendment, the 1577  
executive director shall not require certification to practice 1578  
as an assistant fire instructor and shall not adopt or enforce 1579  
rules or issue a certificate regarding the position of assistant 1580  
fire instructor. Any assistant fire instructor certificate that 1581  
was issued in accordance with rules adopted under division (B) 1582  
of this section prior to the effective date of this amendment 1583  
remains valid until the expiration date of the certificate, 1584  
subject to any conditions or responsibilities of retaining the 1585  
validity of that certificate. The certificate shall not be 1586  
renewed. The executive director shall adopt, amend, or rescind 1587  
rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code in 1588  
order to effectuate division (C) (2) of this section. 1589~~

~~(3)~~—The executive director, with the advice and counsel of 1590  
the committee, shall charter or renew the charter of any 1591  
training program that the executive director determines meets 1592  
the qualifications established in rules adopted under division 1593  
(B) of this section, and may take disciplinary action against 1594  
the holder of a charter in accordance with rules adopted under 1595  
division (B) of this section. 1596

(D) The executive director shall issue or renew a fire 1597  
training certificate for a firefighter, a fire safety inspector, 1598  
or another position of any fire training certification level 1599  
approved by the executive director, to any applicant that the 1600  
executive director determines meets the qualifications 1601  
established in rules adopted under division (B) of this section 1602  
and may take disciplinary actions against a certificate holder 1603  
or applicant in accordance with rules adopted under division (B) 1604  
of this section. 1605

(E) Certificates issued under this section shall be on a 1606  
form prescribed by the executive director, with the advice and 1607  
counsel of the firefighter and fire safety inspector training 1608  
committee of the state board of emergency medical, fire, and 1609  
transportation services. 1610

(F) (1) The executive director, with the advice and counsel 1611  
of the firefighter and fire safety inspector training committee 1612  
of the state board of emergency medical, fire, and 1613  
transportation services, shall establish criteria for evaluating 1614  
the standards maintained by the branches of the United States 1615  
military for firefighter, fire safety inspector, and fire 1616  
instructor training programs, and other training programs 1617  
recognized by the executive director, to determine whether the 1618  
standards are equivalent to those established under this section 1619



and shall establish requirements and procedures for issuing a certificate to each person who presents proof to the executive director of having satisfactorily completed a training program that meets those standards.

(2) The executive director, with the committee's advice and counsel, shall adopt rules establishing requirements and procedures for issuing a fire training certificate in lieu of completing a chartered training program.

(G) Notwithstanding any requirement for a certificate issued under this section, the executive director shall issue a certificate in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code to an individual if either of the following applies:

(1) The individual holds a license or certificate in another state.

(2) The individual has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in that chapter as a firefighter or fire safety inspector in a state that does not issue that license or certificate.

(H) Nothing in this section invalidates any other section of the Revised Code relating to the fire training academy. Section 4765.11 of the Revised Code does not affect any powers and duties granted to the executive director under this section.

(I) Notwithstanding any provision of division (B) (4) of this section to the contrary, the executive director shall not adopt rules for refusing to issue any of the certificates or charters regulated by this section to an applicant because of a criminal conviction unless the rules establishing grounds and procedures for refusal are in accordance with section 9.79 of

the Revised Code. 1649

**Section 5.** That the existing versions of sections 4765.10, 1650  
4765.11, 4765.30, and 4765.55 of the Revised Code that are 1651  
scheduled to take effect on December 23, 2023, are hereby 1652  
repealed. 1653

**Section 6.** Sections 4 and 5 of this act take effect 1654  
December 29, 2023. 1655

**Section 7.** The General Assembly, applying the principle 1656  
stated in division (B) of section 1.52 of the Revised Code that 1657  
amendments are to be harmonized if reasonably capable of 1658  
simultaneous operation, finds that the following sections, 1659  
presented in this act as composites of the sections as amended 1660  
by the acts indicated, are the resulting versions of the 1661  
sections in effect prior to the effective date of the sections 1662  
as presented in this act: 1663

The version of section 4765.10 of the Revised Code that is 1664  
scheduled to take effect December 29, 2023, as amended by both 1665  
H.B. 509 and S.B. 131 of the 134th General Assembly. 1666

The version of section 4765.11 of the Revised Code that is 1667  
scheduled to take effect December 29, 2023, as amended by both 1668  
H.B. 509 and S.B. 131 of the 134th General Assembly. 1669

Section 4765.16 of the Revised Code as amended by both 1670  
H.B. 23 and H.B. 509 of the 134th General Assembly. 1671

The version of section 4765.30 that is scheduled to take 1672  
effect December 29, 2023, as amended by both H.B. 509 and S.B. 1673  
131 of the 134th General Assembly. 1674

The version of section 4765.55 of the Revised Code that is 1675  
scheduled to take effect December 29, 2023, as amended by both 1676

H.B. 509 and S.B. 131 of the 134th General Assembly. 1677

**Section 8.** This act is hereby declared to be an emergency 1678  
measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public 1679  
peace, health, and safety. The reason for such necessity is that 1680  
changes from H.B. 509 of the 134th General Assembly merging the 1681  
emergency medical services training programs with the continuing 1682  
educations programs are scheduled to take effect on April 6, 1683  
2023. That merger will create serious hardships for emergency 1684  
medical service organizations and providers. Therefore, this act 1685  
shall go into immediate effect. 1686