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A BILL

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

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

Section 1. That sections 4765.10, 4765.11, 4765.15, 12
4765.16, 4765.17, 4765.18, 4765.22, 4765.23, 4765.24, 4765.29, 13
4765.30, 4765.31, 4765.49, and 4765.50 of the Revised Code be 14
amended to read as follows: 15

Sec. 4765.10. (A) The state board of emergency medical, 16
fire, and transportation services shall do all of the following: 17

(1) Administer and enforce the provisions of this chapter 18
and the rules adopted under it; 19

(2) Approve, in accordance with procedures established in 20
rules adopted under section 4765.11 of the Revised Code, 21
examinations that demonstrate competence to have a certificate 22
to practice renewed without completing a continuing education 23
~~requirements~~program; 24

(3) Advise applicants for state or federal emergency 25
medical services funds, review and comment on applications for 26
these funds, and approve the use of all state and federal funds 27
designated solely for emergency medical service programs unless 28
federal law requires another state agency to approve the use of 29
all such federal funds; 30

(4) Serve as a statewide clearinghouse for discussion, 31
inquiry, and complaints concerning emergency medical services; 32

(5) Make recommendations to the general assembly on 33
legislation to improve the delivery of emergency medical 34
services; 35

(6) Maintain a toll-free long distance telephone number 36
through which it shall respond to questions about emergency 37
medical services; 38

(7) Work with appropriate state offices in coordinating 39

the training of firefighters and emergency medical service 40
personnel. Other state offices that are involved in the training 41
of firefighters or emergency medical service personnel shall 42
cooperate with the board and its committees and subcommittees to 43
achieve this goal. 44

(8) Provide a liaison to the state emergency operation 45
center during those periods when a disaster, as defined in 46
section 5502.21 of the Revised Code, has occurred in this state 47
and the governor has declared an emergency as defined in that 48
section. 49

(B) The board may do any of the following: 50

(1) Investigate complaints concerning emergency medical 51
services and emergency medical service organizations as it 52
determines necessary; 53

(2) Enter into reciprocal agreements with other states 54
that have standards for accreditation of emergency medical 55
services training ~~and continuing education~~ programs and for 56
certification of first responders, EMTs-basic, EMTs-I, 57
paramedics, firefighters, or fire safety inspectors that are 58
substantially similar to those established under this chapter 59
and the rules adopted under it; 60

(3) Establish a statewide public information system and 61
public education programs regarding emergency medical services; 62

(4) Establish an injury prevention program. 63

(C) The state board of emergency medical, fire, and 64
transportation services shall not regulate any profession that 65
otherwise is regulated by another board, commission, or similar 66
regulatory entity. 67

Sec. 4765.11. (A) The state board of emergency medical, 68
fire, and transportation services shall adopt, and may amend and 69
rescind, rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised 70
Code and divisions (C) and (D) of this section that establish 71
all of the following: 72

(1) Procedures for its governance and the control of its 73
actions and business affairs; 74

(2) Standards for the performance of emergency medical 75
services by first responders, emergency medical technicians- 76
basic, emergency medical technicians-intermediate, and emergency 77
medical technicians-paramedic; 78

(3) Application fees for certificates of accreditation, 79
certificates of approval, certificates to teach, and 80
certificates to practice, which shall be deposited into the 81
trauma and emergency medical services fund created in section 82
4513.263 of the Revised Code; 83

(4) Criteria for determining when the application or 84
renewal fee for a certificate to practice may be waived because 85
an applicant cannot afford to pay the fee; 86

(5) Procedures for issuance and renewal of certificates of 87
accreditation, certificates of approval, certificates to teach, 88
and certificates to practice, including any measures necessary 89
to implement section 9.79 of the Revised Code and any procedures 90
necessary to ensure that adequate notice of renewal is provided 91
in accordance with division (D) of section 4765.30 of the 92
Revised Code; 93

(6) Procedures for suspending or revoking certificates of 94
accreditation, certificates of approval, certificates to teach, 95
and certificates to practice; 96

(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;	97 98 99 100
(8) Procedures for taking disciplinary action against a first responder, EMT-basic, EMT-I, or paramedic;	101 102
(9) Standards for certificates of accreditation <u>and certificates of approval</u> ;	103 104
(10) Qualifications for certificates to teach;	105
(11) Requirements for a certificate to practice;	106
(12) The curricula, number of hours of instruction and training, and instructional materials to be used in adult and pediatric emergency medical services training and continuing education programs <u>and adult and pediatric emergency medical services continuing education programs</u> ;	107 108 109 110 111
(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;	112 113 114 115 116
(14) Examinations for certificates to practice;	117
(15) Procedures for administering examinations for certificates to practice;	118 119
(16) Procedures for approving examinations that demonstrate competence to have a certificate to practice renewed without completing <u>an</u> emergency medical services continuing education requirements <u>program</u> ;	120 121 122 123

(17) Procedures for granting extensions and exemptions of emergency medical services continuing education requirements;	124 125
(18) Specifications of the emergency medical services that first responders are authorized to perform under section 4765.35 of the Revised Code, that EMTs-basic are authorized to perform under section 4765.37 of the Revised Code, that EMTs-I are authorized to perform under section 4765.38 of the Revised Code, and that paramedics are authorized to perform under section 4765.39 of the Revised Code;	126 127 128 129 130 131 132
(19) Standards and procedures for implementing the requirements of section 4765.06 of the Revised Code, including designations of the persons who are required to report information to the board and the types of information to be reported;	133 134 135 136 137
(20) Procedures for administering the emergency medical services grant program established under section 4765.07 of the Revised Code;	138 139 140
(21) Procedures consistent with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code for appealing decisions of the board;	141 142
(22) Minimum qualifications and peer review and quality improvement requirements for persons who provide medical direction to emergency medical service personnel, including, subject to division (B) of section 4765.42 of the Revised Code, qualifications for a physician to be eligible to serve as the medical director of an emergency medical service organization or a member of its cooperating physician advisory board;	143 144 145 146 147 148 149
(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	150 151 152

section 4765.102 of the Revised Code; 153

(24) Circumstances under which a training ~~or continuing~~ 154
~~education program or continuing education program, or portion of~~ 155
~~either type of program, may be taught by a person who does not~~ 156
hold a certificate to teach issued under section 4765.23 of the 157
Revised Code; 158

(25) Certification cycles for certificates issued under 159
sections 4765.23 and 4765.30 of the Revised Code and 160
certificates issued by the executive director of the state board 161
of emergency medical, fire, and transportation services under 162
section 4765.55 of the Revised Code that establish a common 163
expiration date for all certificates; 164

~~(26) Procedures and requirements for accrediting emergency~~ 165
~~medical services training and continuing education programs~~ 166
~~under one certificate of accreditation. An accredited program~~ 167
~~shall offer both training and continuing education services. The~~ 168
~~rules adopted under division (A) (26) of this section shall~~ 169
~~specify all of the following:~~ 170

~~(a) The steps that the operator of a training program~~ 171
~~accredited prior to the effective date of this amendment shall~~ 172
~~take in order to offer continuing education courses;~~ 173

~~(b) The steps the operator of a continuing education~~ 174
~~program accredited prior to the effective date of this amendment~~ 175
~~shall take in order to offer training courses;~~ 176

~~(c) The steps any person certified as an emergency medical~~ 177
~~instructor or an emergency medical services continuing education~~ 178
~~teacher prior to the effective date of this amendment shall take~~ 179
~~to retain certification in order to teach both training and~~ 180
~~continuing education courses.~~ 181

(B) The board may adopt, and may amend and rescind, rules 182
in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code and 183
divisions (C) and (D) of this section that establish any of the 184
following: 185

(1) Specifications of information that may be collected 186
under the trauma system registry and incidence reporting system 187
created under section 4765.06 of the Revised Code; 188

(2) Standards and procedures for implementing any of the 189
recommendations made by any committees of the board or under 190
section 4765.04 of the Revised Code; 191

(3) Procedures and requirements for conducting background 192
checks on applicants for the issuance and renewal of 193
certificates of accreditation, certificates of approval, 194
certificates to teach, and certificates to practice in 195
accordance with section 109.578 of the Revised Code; 196

(4) Any other rules necessary to implement this chapter. 197

(C) In developing and administering rules adopted under 198
this chapter, the state board of emergency medical, fire, and 199
transportation services shall consult with regional directors 200
and regional advisory boards appointed under section 4765.05 of 201
the Revised Code and emphasize the special needs of pediatric 202
and geriatric patients. 203

(D) On and after ~~the effective date of this amendment~~April 204
6, 2023, the executive director shall not require certification 205
to practice as an emergency medical services assistant 206
instructor and shall not adopt or enforce rules or issue a 207
certificate regarding the position of an emergency medical 208
services assistant instructor. Any emergency medical services 209
assistant instructor certificate that was issued in accordance 210

with rules adopted under division (A) of this section prior to 211
~~the effective date of this amendment~~April 6, 2023, remain valid 212
only until the expiration date of the certificate, subject to 213
any conditions or responsibilities of retaining the validity of 214
that certificate. The certificate shall not be renewed. The 215
board shall adopt, amend, or rescind rules in accordance with 216
Chapter 119. of the Revised Code in order to effectuate this 217
division. 218

(E) Except as otherwise provided in this division, before 219
adopting, amending, or rescinding any rule under this chapter, 220
the board shall submit the proposed rule to the director of 221
public safety for review. The director may review the proposed 222
rule for not more than sixty days after the date it is 223
submitted. If, within this sixty-day period, the director 224
approves the proposed rule or does not notify the board that the 225
rule is disapproved, the board may adopt, amend, or rescind the 226
rule as proposed. If, within this sixty-day period, the director 227
notifies the board that the proposed rule is disapproved, the 228
board shall not adopt, amend, or rescind the rule as proposed 229
unless at least twelve members of the board vote to adopt, 230
amend, or rescind it. 231

This division does not apply to an emergency rule adopted 232
in accordance with section 119.03 of the Revised Code. 233

Sec. 4765.15. A person seeking to operate an emergency 234
medical services training ~~and continuing education~~ program shall 235
submit a completed application for accreditation to the state 236
board of emergency medical, fire, and transportation services on 237
a form the board shall prescribe and furnish. The application 238
shall be accompanied by the appropriate application fee 239
established in rules adopted under section 4765.11 of the 240

Revised Code. 241

A person seeking to operate an emergency medical services 242
continuing education program shall submit a completed 243
application for approval to the board on a form the board shall 244
prescribe and furnish. The application shall be accompanied by 245
the appropriate application fee established in rules adopted 246
under section 4765.11 of the Revised Code. 247

The board shall administer the accreditation ~~process~~ and 248
approval processes pursuant to rules adopted under section 249
4765.11 of the Revised Code. In administering ~~this process~~ these 250
processes, the board may authorize other persons to evaluate 251
applications for accreditation or approval and may accept the 252
recommendations made by those persons. 253

The board may cause an investigation to be made into the 254
accuracy of the information submitted in any application for 255
accreditation or approval. If an investigation indicates that 256
false, misleading, or incomplete information has been submitted 257
to the board in connection with any application for 258
accreditation or approval, the board shall conduct a hearing on 259
the matter in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. 260

Sec. 4765.16. (A) All courses offered through an emergency 261
medical services training ~~and continuing education program~~ or an 262
emergency medical services continuing education program, other 263
than an ambulance driving course and the dementia-related 264
training course developed under section 4765.162 of the Revised 265
Code, shall be developed under the direction of a physician who 266
specializes in emergency medicine. Each course that deals with 267
trauma care shall be developed in consultation with a physician 268
who specializes in trauma surgery. 269

Except as specified by the state board of emergency 270
medical, fire, and transportation services pursuant to rules 271
adopted under section 4765.11 of the Revised Code, each course 272
offered through a training ~~and continuing education program~~ or 273
continuing education program shall be taught by a person who 274
holds the appropriate certificate to teach issued under section 275
4765.23 of the Revised Code. 276

(B) ~~All~~ A training program for first responders shall meet 277
the standards established in rules adopted by the board under 278
section 4765.11 of the Revised Code. The ~~training program~~ shall 279
include courses in each of the following areas for at least the 280
number of hours established by the board's rules: 281

(1) Emergency victim care; 282

(2) Reading and interpreting a trauma victim's vital 283
signs; 284

(3) Identifying and interacting with individuals with 285
dementia, as provided in the dementia-related training course 286
developed under section 4765.162 of the Revised Code. 287

(C) ~~All~~ A training program for emergency medical 288
technicians-basic shall meet the standards established in rules 289
adopted by the board under section 4765.11 of the Revised Code. 290
The ~~training program~~ shall include courses in each of the 291
following areas for at least the number of hours established by 292
the board's rules: 293

(1) Emergency victim care; 294

(2) Reading and interpreting a trauma victim's vital 295
signs; 296

(3) Triage protocols for adult and pediatric trauma 297

victims;	298
(4) In-hospital training;	299
(5) Clinical training;	300
(6) Training as an ambulance driver;	301
(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.	302 303 304
Each operator of a training and continuing education 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.	305 306 307 308 309 310 311 312 313 314 315 316 317
(D) All <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 training program 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:	318 319 320 321 322 323 324
(1) Recognizing symptoms of life-threatening allergic reactions and in calculating proper dosage levels and	325 326

administering injections of epinephrine to persons who suffer 327
life-threatening allergic reactions, conducted in accordance 328
with rules adopted by the board under section 4765.11 of the 329
Revised Code; 330

(2) Venous access procedures; 331

(3) Cardiac monitoring and electrical interventions to 332
support or correct the cardiac function. 333

(E) ~~All~~ A training program for emergency medical 334
technicians-paramedic shall meet the standards established in 335
rules adopted by the board under section 4765.11 of the Revised 336
Code. The ~~training program~~ shall include, or require as a 337
prerequisite, the training specified in divisions (C) and (D) of 338
this section and courses in each of the following areas for at 339
least the number of hours established by the board's rules: 340

(1) Medical terminology; 341

(2) Venous access procedures; 342

(3) Airway procedures; 343

(4) Patient assessment and triage; 344

(5) Acute cardiac care, including administration of 345
parenteral injections, electrical interventions, and other 346
emergency medical services; 347

(6) Emergency and trauma victim care beyond that required 348
under division (C) of this section; 349

(7) Clinical training beyond that required under division 350
(C) of this section. 351

(F) ~~All~~ A continuing education program for first 352
responders, EMTs-basic, EMTs-I, or paramedics shall meet the 353

standards established in rules adopted by the board under 354
section 4765.11 of the Revised Code. ~~All~~A continuing education 355
program shall include instruction and training in subjects 356
established by the board's rules for at least the number of 357
hours established by the board's rules. ~~Continuing~~A continuing 358
education program also shall include instruction in identifying 359
and interacting with individuals with dementia, as provided in 360
the dementia-related training course developed under section 361
4765.162 of the Revised Code. The continuing education 362
requirements for paramedics shall not require more than seventy- 363
five hours of continuing education for every three-year 364
certification cycle. 365

Sec. 4765.17. (A) The state board of emergency medical, 366
fire, and transportation services shall issue the appropriate 367
certificate of accreditation or certificate of approval to an 368
applicant who meets the requirements of section 4765.16 of the 369
Revised Code. The board shall grant or deny a certificate of 370
accreditation or certificate of approval within one hundred 371
twenty days of receipt of the application. The board may issue a 372
certificate of accreditation or certificate of approval on a 373
provisional basis to an applicant who is in substantial 374
compliance with the requirements of section 4765.16 of the 375
Revised Code or renew a certificate of accreditation or 376
certificate of approval on a provisional basis to an applicant 377
who is of good reputation and is in substantial compliance with 378
the requirements of section 4765.16 of the Revised Code. The 379
board shall inform an applicant receiving such a certificate of 380
the conditions that must be met to complete compliance with 381
section 4765.16 of the Revised Code. 382

(B) Except as provided in division (C) of this section, a 383
certificate of accreditation or certificate of approval is valid 384

for up to five years and may be renewed by the board pursuant to 385
procedures and standards established in rules adopted under 386
section 4765.11 of the Revised Code. An application for renewal 387
shall be accompanied by the appropriate renewal fee established 388
in rules adopted under section 4765.11 of the Revised Code. 389

(C) A certificate of accreditation or certificate of 390
approval issued on a provisional basis is valid for the length 391
of time established by the board. If the board finds that the 392
holder of such a certificate has met the conditions it specifies 393
under division (A) of this section, the board shall issue the 394
appropriate certificate of accreditation or certificate of 395
approval. 396

(D) A certificate of accreditation is valid only for the 397
emergency medical services training ~~and continuing education~~ 398
program or programs for which it is issued. The holder of a 399
certificate of accreditation may apply to operate additional 400
training ~~and continuing education~~ programs in accordance with 401
rules adopted by the board under section 4765.11 of the Revised 402
Code. Any additional training ~~and continuing education~~ programs 403
shall expire on the expiration date of the applicant's current 404
certificate. A certificate of ~~accreditation~~ approval is valid 405
only for the emergency medical services continuing education 406
program for which it is issued. Neither is ~~not~~ transferable. 407

(E) The holder of a certificate of accreditation or 408
certificate of approval may offer courses at more than one 409
location in accordance with rules adopted under section 4765.11 410
of the Revised Code. 411

Sec. 4765.18. The state board of emergency medical, fire, 412
and transportation services may suspend or revoke a certificate 413
of accreditation or a certificate of approval issued under 414

section 4765.17 of the Revised Code for any of the following	415
reasons:	416
(A) Violation of this chapter or any rule adopted under	417
it;	418
(B) Furnishing of false, misleading, or incomplete	419
information to the board;	420
(C) The signing of an application or the holding of a	421
certificate of accreditation by a person who has pleaded guilty	422
to or has been convicted of a felony, or has pleaded guilty to	423
or been convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude;	424
(D) The signing of an application or the holding of a	425
certificate of accreditation by a person who is addicted to the	426
use of any controlled substance or has been adjudicated	427
incompetent for that purpose by a court, as provided in section	428
5122.301 of the Revised Code;	429
(E) Violation of any commitment made in an application for	430
a certificate of accreditation <u>or certificate of approval</u> ;	431
(F) Presentation to prospective students of misleading,	432
false, or fraudulent information relating to the emergency	433
medical services training and continuing education program <u>or</u>	434
<u>emergency medical services continuing education program</u> ,	435
employment opportunities, or opportunities for enrollment in	436
accredited institutions of higher education after entering or	437
completing courses offered by the operator of a program;	438
(G) Failure to maintain in a safe and sanitary condition	439
premises and equipment used in conducting courses of study;	440
(H) Failure to maintain financial resources adequate for	441
the satisfactory conduct of courses of study or to retain a	442

sufficient number of certified instructors; 443

(I) Discrimination in the acceptance of students upon the 444
basis of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. 445

Sec. 4765.22. A person seeking a certificate to teach in 446
an emergency medical services training ~~and continuing education~~ 447
program or an emergency medical services continuing education 448
program shall submit a completed application for certification 449
to the state board of emergency medical, fire, and 450
transportation services on a form the board shall prescribe and 451
furnish. The application shall be accompanied by the appropriate 452
application fee established in rules adopted under section 453
4765.11 of the Revised Code. 454

Sec. 4765.23. The state board of emergency medical, fire, 455
and transportation services shall issue a certificate to teach 456
in an emergency medical services training ~~and continuing~~ 457
~~education program~~ or an emergency medical services continuing 458
education program to any applicant who it determines meets the 459
qualifications established in rules adopted under section 460
4765.11 of the Revised Code. The certificate shall indicate ~~the~~ 461
each type of instruction and training the certificate holder may 462
teach under the certificate. 463

A certificate to teach shall have a certification cycle 464
established by the board and may be renewed by the board 465
pursuant to rules adopted under section 4765.11 of the Revised 466
Code. An application for renewal shall be accompanied by the 467
appropriate renewal fee established in rules adopted under 468
section 4765.11 of the Revised Code. 469

The board may suspend or revoke a certificate to teach 470
pursuant to rules adopted under section 4765.11 of the Revised 471

Code. 472

Sec. 4765.24. The operator of an accredited training ~~and~~ 473
~~continuing education~~ program for first responders shall issue a 474
certificate of completion in first responder training to each 475
student who successfully completes the training program 476
described in division (B) of section 4765.16 of the Revised 477
Code. 478

The operator of an accredited training ~~and continuing~~ 479
~~education~~ program for emergency medical technicians-basic shall 480
issue a certificate of completion in emergency medical services 481
training-basic to each student who successfully completes the 482
EMT-basic ~~training program~~ described in division (C) of section 483
4765.16 of the Revised Code. 484

The operator of an accredited training ~~and continuing~~ 485
~~education~~ program for emergency medical technicians-intermediate 486
shall issue a certificate of completion in emergency medical 487
services training-intermediate to each student who successfully 488
completes the EMT-I ~~training program~~ described in division (D) 489
of section 4765.16 of the Revised Code. 490

The operator of an accredited training ~~and continuing~~ 491
~~education~~ program for emergency medical technicians-paramedic 492
shall issue a certificate of completion in emergency medical 493
services training-paramedic to each student who successfully 494
completes the training program described in division (E) of 495
section 4765.16 of the Revised Code. 496

The operator of an ~~accredited training and approved~~ 497
emergency medical services continuing education program shall 498
issue the appropriate certificate of completion in emergency 499
medical services continuing education to each student who 500

successfully completes ~~any a~~ continuing education ~~requirements~~ 501
program described in division (F) of section 4765.16 of the 502
Revised Code. 503

Sec. 4765.29. (A) The state board of emergency medical, 504
fire, and transportation services shall provide for the 505
examination of applicants for certification to practice as first 506
responders, emergency medical technicians-basic, emergency 507
medical technicians-intermediate, and emergency medical 508
technicians-paramedic. The examinations shall be established by 509
the board in rules adopted under section 4765.11 of the Revised 510
Code. The board may administer the examinations or contract with 511
other persons to administer the examinations. In either case, 512
the examinations shall be administered pursuant to procedures 513
established in rules adopted under section 4765.11 of the 514
Revised Code and shall be offered at various locations in the 515
state selected by the board. 516

Except as provided in division (B) of this section, an 517
applicant shall not be permitted to take an examination for the 518
same certificate to practice more than three times since last 519
receiving the certificate of completion pursuant to section 520
4765.24 of the Revised Code that qualifies the applicant to take 521
the examination unless the applicant receives another 522
certificate of completion that qualifies the applicant to take 523
the examination. 524

(B) On request of an applicant who fails three 525
examinations for the same certificate to practice, the board may 526
direct the applicant to complete a specific portion of an 527
accredited emergency medical services training ~~and continuing~~ 528
~~education~~ program. If the applicant provides satisfactory proof 529
to the board that the applicant has successfully completed that 530

portion of the program, the applicant shall be permitted to take 531
the examination. 532

Sec. 4765.30. All of the following apply to the state 533
board of emergency medical, fire, and transportation services 534
with respect to issuing and renewing certificates to practice: 535

(A) The board shall issue a certificate to practice as a 536
first responder to an applicant who meets all of the following 537
conditions: 538

(1) Holds the appropriate certificate of completion issued 539
in accordance with section 4765.24 of the Revised Code; 540

(2) Passes the appropriate examination conducted under 541
section 4765.29 of the Revised Code; 542

(3) Is not in violation of any provision of this chapter 543
or the rules adopted under it; 544

(4) Meets any other certification requirements established 545
in rules adopted under section 4765.11 of the Revised Code. 546

(B) The board shall issue a certificate to practice as an 547
emergency medical technician-basic to an applicant who meets all 548
of the following conditions: 549

(1) Holds the appropriate certificate of completion issued 550
in accordance with section 4765.24 of the Revised Code; 551

(2) Passes the appropriate examination conducted under 552
section 4765.29 of the Revised Code; 553

(3) Is not in violation of any provision of this chapter 554
or the rules adopted under it; 555

(4) Meets any other certification requirements established 556
in rules adopted under section 4765.11 of the Revised Code. 557

(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:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1) That the applicant received a certificate of

completion from the appropriate emergency medical services 586
~~training and~~ continuing education program pursuant to section 587
4765.24 of the Revised Code; 588

(2) That the applicant has successfully passed an 589
examination that demonstrates the competence to have a 590
certificate renewed without completing an emergency medical 591
services continuing education ~~requirements~~ program. The board 592
shall approve such examinations in accordance with rules adopted 593
under section 4765.11 of the Revised Code. 594

(E) The board shall not require an applicant for renewal 595
of a certificate to practice to take an examination as a 596
condition of renewing the certificate. This division does not 597
preclude the use of examinations by operators of ~~accredited~~ 598
approved emergency medical services ~~training and~~ continuing 599
education programs as a condition for issuance of a certificate 600
of completion in emergency medical services continuing 601
education. 602

Sec. 4765.31. (A) Except as provided in division (B) of 603
this section, a first responder, emergency medical technician- 604
basic, emergency medical technician-intermediate, and emergency 605
medical technician-paramedic shall complete ~~all an~~ emergency 606
medical services continuing education ~~requirements~~ program or 607
pass an examination approved by the state board of emergency 608
medical, fire, and transportation services under division (A) of 609
section 4765.10 of the Revised Code prior to the expiration of 610
the individual's certificate to practice. Completion of the 611
continuing education requirements for EMTs-I or paramedics 612
satisfies the continuing education requirements for renewing the 613
certificate to practice as an EMT-basic held by an EMT-I or 614
paramedic. 615

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

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

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

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

liable in damages in a civil action for injury, death, or loss 646
to person or property resulting from the individual's advisory 647
communication or assistance, unless the advisory communication 648
or assistance is provided in a manner that constitutes willful 649
or wanton misconduct. Medical directors and members of 650
cooperating physician advisory boards of emergency medical 651
service organizations are not liable in damages in a civil 652
action for injury, death, or loss to person or property 653
resulting from their acts or omissions in the performance of 654
their duties, unless the act or omission constitutes willful or 655
wanton misconduct. 656

(B) A political subdivision, joint ambulance district, 657
joint emergency medical services district, or other public 658
agency, and any officer or employee of a public agency or of a 659
private organization operating under contract or in joint 660
agreement with one or more political subdivisions, that provides 661
emergency medical services, or that enters into a joint 662
agreement or a contract with the state, any political 663
subdivision, joint ambulance district, or joint emergency 664
medical services district for the provision of emergency medical 665
services, is not liable in damages in a civil action for injury, 666
death, or loss to person or property arising out of any actions 667
taken by a first responder, EMT-basic, EMT-I, or paramedic 668
working under the officer's or employee's jurisdiction, or for 669
injury, death, or loss to person or property arising out of any 670
actions of licensed medical personnel advising or assisting the 671
first responder, EMT-basic, EMT-I, or paramedic, unless the 672
services are provided in a manner that constitutes willful or 673
wanton misconduct. 674

(C) A student who is enrolled in an emergency medical 675
services training ~~and continuing education~~ program accredited 676

under section 4765.17 of the Revised Code or an emergency 677
medical services continuing education program approved under 678
that section is not liable in damages in a civil action for 679
injury, death, or loss to person or property resulting from 680
either of the following: 681

(1) The student's administration of emergency medical 682
services or patient care or treatment, if the services, care, or 683
treatment is administered while the student is under the direct 684
supervision and in the immediate presence of an EMT-basic, EMT- 685
I, paramedic, registered nurse, physician assistant, or 686
physician and while the student is receiving clinical training 687
that is required by the program, unless the services, care, or 688
treatment is provided in a manner that constitutes willful or 689
wanton misconduct; 690

(2) The student's training as an ambulance driver, unless 691
the driving is done in a manner that constitutes willful or 692
wanton misconduct. 693

(D) An EMT-basic, EMT-I, paramedic, or other operator, who 694
holds a valid commercial driver's license issued pursuant to 695
Chapter 4506. of the Revised Code or driver's license issued 696
pursuant to Chapter 4507. of the Revised Code and who is 697
employed by an emergency medical service organization that is 698
not owned or operated by a political subdivision as defined in 699
section 2744.01 of the Revised Code, is not liable in damages in 700
a civil action for injury, death, or loss to person or property 701
that is caused by the operation of an ambulance by the EMT- 702
basic, EMT-I, paramedic, or other operator while responding to 703
or completing a call for emergency medical services, unless the 704
operation constitutes willful or wanton misconduct or does not 705
comply with the precautions of section 4511.03 of the Revised 706

Code. An emergency medical service organization is not liable in 707
damages in a civil action for any injury, death, or loss to 708
person or property that is caused by the operation of an 709
ambulance by its employee or agent, if this division grants the 710
employee or agent immunity from civil liability for the injury, 711
death, or loss. 712

(E) An employee or agent of an emergency medical service 713
organization who receives requests for emergency medical 714
services that are directed to the organization, dispatches first 715
responders, EMTs-basic, EMTs-I, or paramedics in response to 716
those requests, communicates those requests to those employees 717
or agents of the organization who are authorized to dispatch 718
first responders, EMTs-basic, EMTs-I, or paramedics, or performs 719
any combination of these functions for the organization, is not 720
liable in damages in a civil action for injury, death, or loss 721
to person or property resulting from the individual's acts or 722
omissions in the performance of those duties for the 723
organization, unless an act or omission constitutes willful or 724
wanton misconduct. 725

(F) A person who is performing the functions of a first 726
responder, EMT-basic, EMT-I, or paramedic under the authority of 727
the laws of a state that borders this state and who provides 728
emergency medical services to or transportation of a patient in 729
this state is not liable in damages in a civil action for 730
injury, death, or loss to person or property resulting from the 731
person's administration of emergency medical services, unless 732
the services are administered in a manner that constitutes 733
willful or wanton misconduct. A physician, physician assistant 734
designated by a physician, or registered nurse designated by a 735
physician, any of whom is licensed to practice in the adjoining 736
state and who is advising or assisting in the emergency medical 737

services by means of any communication device or telemetering 738
system, is not liable in damages in a civil action for injury, 739
death, or loss to person or property resulting from the person's 740
advisory communication or assistance, unless the advisory 741
communication or assistance is provided in a manner that 742
constitutes willful or wanton misconduct. 743

(G) A person certified under section 4765.23 of the 744
Revised Code to teach in an emergency medical services training 745
~~and continuing education program or emergency medical services~~ 746
continuing education program, and a person who teaches at the 747
Ohio fire academy established under section 3737.33 of the 748
Revised Code or in a fire service training program described in 749
division (A) of section 4765.55 of the Revised Code, is not 750
liable in damages in a civil action for injury, death, or loss 751
to person or property resulting from the person's acts or 752
omissions in the performance of the person's duties, unless an 753
act or omission constitutes willful or wanton misconduct. 754

(H) In the accreditation of emergency medical services 755
training ~~and continuing education programs or approval of~~ 756
emergency medical services continuing education programs, the 757
state board of emergency medical, fire, and transportation 758
services and any person or entity authorized by the board to 759
evaluate applications for accreditation or approval are not 760
liable in damages in a civil action for injury, death, or loss 761
to person or property resulting from their acts or omissions in 762
the performance of their duties, unless an act or omission 763
constitutes willful or wanton misconduct. 764

(I) A person authorized by an emergency medical service 765
organization to review the performance of first responders, 766
EMTs-basic, EMTs-I, and paramedics or to administer quality 767

assurance programs is not liable in damages in a civil action 768
for injury, death, or loss to person or property resulting from 769
the person's acts or omissions in the performance of the 770
person's duties, unless an act or omission constitutes willful 771
or wanton misconduct. 772

Sec. 4765.50. (A) Except as provided in division (D) of 773
this section, no person shall represent that the person is a 774
first responder, an emergency medical technician-basic or EMT- 775
basic, an emergency medical technician-intermediate or EMT-I, or 776
an emergency medical technician-paramedic or paramedic unless 777
appropriately certified under section 4765.30 of the Revised 778
Code. 779

~~(B)~~ (B) (1) No person shall operate an emergency medical 780
services training ~~and continuing education~~ program without a 781
certificate of accreditation issued under section 4765.17 of the 782
Revised Code. 783

(2) No person shall operate an emergency medical services 784
continuing education program without a certificate of approval 785
issued under section 4765.17 of the Revised Code. 786

(C) No public or private entity shall advertise or 787
disseminate information leading the public to believe that the 788
entity is an emergency medical service organization, unless that 789
entity actually provides emergency medical services. 790

(D) A person who is performing the functions of a first 791
responder, EMT-basic, EMT-I, or paramedic under the authority of 792
the laws of a jurisdiction other than this state, who is 793
employed by or serves as a volunteer with an emergency medical 794
service organization based in that state, and provides emergency 795
medical services to or transportation of a patient in this state 796

is not in violation of division (A) of this section. 797

A person who is performing the functions of a first 798
responder, EMT-basic, EMT-I, or paramedic under a reciprocal 799
agreement authorized by section 4765.10 of the Revised Code is 800
not in violation of division (A) of this section. 801

(E) On and after November 3, 2002, no physician shall 802
purposefully do any of the following: 803

(1) Admit an adult trauma patient to a hospital that is 804
not an adult trauma center for the purpose of providing adult 805
trauma care; 806

(2) Admit a pediatric trauma patient to a hospital that is 807
not a pediatric trauma center for the purpose of providing 808
pediatric trauma care; 809

(3) Fail to transfer an adult or pediatric trauma patient 810
to an adult or pediatric trauma center in accordance with 811
applicable federal law, state law, and adult or pediatric trauma 812
protocols and patient transfer agreements adopted under section 813
3727.09 of the Revised Code. 814

Section 2. That existing sections 4765.10, 4765.11, 815
4765.15, 4765.16, 4765.17, 4765.18, 4765.22, 4765.23, 4765.24, 816
4765.29, 4765.30, 4765.31, 4765.49, and 4765.50 of the Revised 817
Code are hereby repealed. 818

Section 3. Sections 1 and 2 of this act take effect April 819
6, 2023. 820

Section 4. That the versions of sections 4765.10, 4765.11, 821
and 4765.30 of the Revised Code that are scheduled to take 822
effect December 29, 2023, be amended to read as follows: 823

Sec. 4765.10. (A) The state board of emergency medical, 824

fire, and transportation services shall do all of the following:	825
(1) Administer and enforce the provisions of this chapter	826
and the rules adopted under it;	827
(2) Approve, in accordance with procedures established in	828
rules adopted under section 4765.11 of the Revised Code,	829
examinations that demonstrate competence to have a certificate	830
to practice renewed without completing <u>a continuing education</u>	831
<u>requirements program</u> ;	832
(3) Advise applicants for state or federal emergency	833
medical services funds, review and comment on applications for	834
these funds, and approve the use of all state and federal funds	835
designated solely for emergency medical service programs unless	836
federal law requires another state agency to approve the use of	837
all such federal funds;	838
(4) Serve as a statewide clearinghouse for discussion,	839
inquiry, and complaints concerning emergency medical services;	840
(5) Make recommendations to the general assembly on	841
legislation to improve the delivery of emergency medical	842
services;	843
(6) Maintain a toll-free long distance telephone number	844
through which it shall respond to questions about emergency	845
medical services;	846
(7) Work with appropriate state offices in coordinating	847
the training of firefighters and emergency medical service	848
personnel. Other state offices that are involved in the training	849
of firefighters or emergency medical service personnel shall	850
cooperate with the board and its committees and subcommittees to	851
achieve this goal.	852

(8) Provide a liaison to the state emergency operation center during those periods when a disaster, as defined in section 5502.21 of the Revised Code, has occurred in this state and the governor has declared an emergency as defined in that section.

(B) The board may do any of the following:

(1) Investigate complaints concerning emergency medical services and emergency medical service organizations as it determines necessary;

(2) Establish a statewide public information system and public education programs regarding emergency medical services;

(3) Establish an injury prevention program.

(C) The state board of emergency medical, fire, and transportation services shall not regulate any profession that otherwise is regulated by another board, commission, or similar regulatory entity.

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

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

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

(3) Application fees for certificates of accreditation,

<u>certificates of approval</u> , certificates to teach, and	881
certificates to practice, which shall be deposited into the	882
trauma and emergency medical services fund created in section	883
4513.263 of the Revised Code;	884
(4) Criteria for determining when the application or	885
renewal fee for a certificate to practice may be waived because	886
an applicant cannot afford to pay the fee;	887
(5) Procedures for issuance and renewal of certificates of	888
accreditation, <u>certificates of approval</u> , certificates to teach,	889
and certificates to practice, including any measures necessary	890
to implement section 9.79 of the Revised Code and any procedures	891
necessary to ensure that adequate notice of renewal is provided	892
in accordance with division (E) of section 4765.30 of the	893
Revised Code;	894
(6) Procedures for suspending or revoking certificates of	895
accreditation, <u>certificates of approval</u> , certificates to teach,	896
and certificates to practice;	897
(7) Grounds for suspension or revocation of a certificate	898
to practice issued under section 4765.30 of the Revised Code and	899
for taking any other disciplinary action against a first	900
responder, EMT-basic, EMT-I, or paramedic;	901
(8) Procedures for taking disciplinary action against a	902
first responder, EMT-basic, EMT-I, or paramedic;	903
(9) Standards for certificates of accreditation <u>and</u>	904
<u>certificates of approval</u> ;	905
(10) Qualifications for certificates to teach;	906
(11) Requirements for a certificate to practice;	907
(12) The curricula, number of hours of instruction and	908

training, and instructional materials to be used in adult and 909
pediatric emergency medical services training ~~and continuing~~ 910
~~education programs~~ and adult and pediatric emergency medical 911
services continuing education programs; 912

(13) Procedures for conducting courses in recognizing 913
symptoms of life-threatening allergic reactions and in 914
calculating proper dosage levels and administering injections of 915
epinephrine to adult and pediatric patients who suffer life- 916
threatening allergic reactions; 917

(14) Examinations for certificates to practice; 918

(15) Procedures for administering examinations for 919
certificates to practice; 920

(16) Procedures for approving examinations that 921
demonstrate competence to have a certificate to practice renewed 922
without completing an emergency medical services continuing 923
education ~~requirements~~ program; 924

(17) Procedures for granting extensions and exemptions of 925
emergency medical services continuing education requirements; 926

(18) Specifications of the emergency medical services that 927
first responders are authorized to perform under section 4765.35 928
of the Revised Code, that EMTs-basic are authorized to perform 929
under section 4765.37 of the Revised Code, that EMTs-I are 930
authorized to perform under section 4765.38 of the Revised Code, 931
and that paramedics are authorized to perform under section 932
4765.39 of the Revised Code; 933

(19) Standards and procedures for implementing the 934
requirements of section 4765.06 of the Revised Code, including 935
designations of the persons who are required to report 936
information to the board and the types of information to be 937

reported;	938
(20) Procedures for administering the emergency medical services grant program established under section 4765.07 of the Revised Code;	939 940 941
(21) Procedures consistent with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code for appealing decisions of the board;	942 943
(22) Minimum qualifications and peer review and quality improvement requirements for persons who provide medical direction to emergency medical service personnel, including, subject to division (B) of section 4765.42 of the Revised Code, qualifications for a physician to be eligible to serve as the medical director of an emergency medical service organization or a member of its cooperating physician advisory board;	944 945 946 947 948 949 950
(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;	951 952 953 954
(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;	955 956 957 958 959
(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;	960 961 962 963 964 965
(26) Procedures and requirements for accrediting emergency	966

~~medical services training and continuing education programs— 967
under one certificate of accreditation. An accredited program— 968
shall offer both training and continuing education services. The— 969
rules adopted under division (A) (26) of this section shall— 970
specify all of the following:— 971~~

~~(a) The steps that the operator of a training program— 972
accredited prior to the effective date of this amendment shall— 973
take in order to offer continuing education courses; 974~~

~~(b) The steps the operator of a continuing education— 975
program accredited prior to the effective date of this amendment— 976
shall take in order to offer training courses; 977~~

~~(c) The steps any person certified as an emergency medical— 978
instructor or an emergency medical services continuing education— 979
teacher prior to the effective date of this amendment shall take— 980
to retain certification in order to teach both training and— 981
continuing education courses. 982~~

(B) The board may adopt, and may amend and rescind, rules 983
in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code and 984
divisions (C) and (D) of this section that establish any of the 985
following: 986

(1) Specifications of information that may be collected 987
under the trauma system registry and incidence reporting system 988
created under section 4765.06 of the Revised Code; 989

(2) Standards and procedures for implementing any of the 990
recommendations made by any committees of the board or under 991
section 4765.04 of the Revised Code; 992

(3) Procedures and requirements for conducting background 993
checks on applicants for the issuance and renewal of 994
certificates of accreditation, certificates of approval, 995

certificates to teach, and certificates to practice in 996
accordance with section 109.578 of the Revised Code; 997

(4) Any other rules necessary to implement this chapter. 998

(C) In developing and administering rules adopted under 999
this chapter, the state board of emergency medical, fire, and 1000
transportation services shall consult with regional directors 1001
and regional advisory boards appointed under section 4765.05 of 1002
the Revised Code and emphasize the special needs of pediatric 1003
and geriatric patients. 1004

(D) On and after ~~the effective date of this amendment~~April 1005
6, 2023, the executive director shall not require certification 1006
to practice as an emergency medical services assistant 1007
instructor and shall not adopt or enforce rules or issue a 1008
certificate regarding the position of an emergency medical 1009
services assistant instructor. Any emergency medical services 1010
assistant instructor certificate that was issued in accordance 1011
with rules adopted under division (A) of this section prior to 1012
~~the effective date of this amendment~~remain April 6, 2023, remain 1013
valid only until the expiration date of the certificate, subject 1014
to any conditions or responsibilities of retaining the validity 1015
of that certificate. The certificate shall not be renewed. The 1016
board shall adopt, amend, or rescind rules in accordance with 1017
Chapter 119. of the Revised Code in order to effectuate this 1018
division. 1019

(E) Except as otherwise provided in this division, before 1020
adopting, amending, or rescinding any rule under this chapter, 1021
the board shall submit the proposed rule to the director of 1022
public safety for review. The director may review the proposed 1023
rule for not more than sixty days after the date it is 1024
submitted. If, within this sixty-day period, the director 1025

approves the proposed rule or does not notify the board that the 1026
rule is disapproved, the board may adopt, amend, or rescind the 1027
rule as proposed. If, within this sixty-day period, the director 1028
notifies the board that the proposed rule is disapproved, the 1029
board shall not adopt, amend, or rescind the rule as proposed 1030
unless at least twelve members of the board vote to adopt, 1031
amend, or rescind it. 1032

This division does not apply to an emergency rule adopted 1033
in accordance with section 119.03 of the Revised Code. 1034

(F) Notwithstanding any requirement for a certificate 1035
issued in accordance with rules adopted by the board under this 1036
section, the board, in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the 1037
Revised Code, shall issue a certificate that is a license as 1038
defined in section 4796.01 of the Revised Code to an individual 1039
if either of the following applies: 1040

(1) The individual holds a license or certificate in 1041
another state. 1042

(2) The individual has satisfactory work experience, a 1043
government certification, or a private certification as 1044
described in that chapter as a first responder, emergency 1045
medical technician-basic, emergency medical technician- 1046
intermediate, or emergency medical technician-paramedic in a 1047
state that does not issue that license or certificate. 1048

Sec. 4765.30. All of the following apply to the state 1049
board of emergency medical, fire, and transportation services 1050
with respect to issuing and renewing certificates to practice: 1051

(A) The board shall issue a certificate to practice as a 1052
first responder to an applicant who meets all of the following 1053
conditions: 1054

(1) Holds the appropriate certificate of completion issued	1055
in accordance with section 4765.24 of the Revised Code;	1056
(2) Passes the appropriate examination conducted under	1057
section 4765.29 of the Revised Code;	1058
(3) Is not in violation of any provision of this chapter	1059
or the rules adopted under it;	1060
(4) Meets any other certification requirements established	1061
in rules adopted under section 4765.11 of the Revised Code.	1062
(B) The board shall issue a certificate to practice as an	1063
emergency medical technician-basic to an applicant who meets all	1064
of the following conditions:	1065
(1) Holds the appropriate certificate of completion issued	1066
in accordance with section 4765.24 of the Revised Code;	1067
(2) Passes the appropriate examination conducted under	1068
section 4765.29 of the Revised Code;	1069
(3) Is not in violation of any provision of this chapter	1070
or the rules adopted under it;	1071
(4) Meets any other certification requirements established	1072
in rules adopted under section 4765.11 of the Revised Code.	1073
(C) The board shall issue a certificate to practice as an	1074
emergency medical technician-intermediate or emergency medical	1075
technician-paramedic to an applicant who meets all of the	1076
following conditions:	1077
(1) Holds a certificate to practice as an emergency	1078
medical technician-basic;	1079
(2) Holds the appropriate certificate of completion issued	1080
in accordance with section 4765.24 of the Revised Code;	1081

(3) Passes the appropriate examination conducted under	1082
section 4765.29 of the Revised Code;	1083
(4) Is not in violation of any provision of this chapter	1084
or the rules adopted under it;	1085
(5) Meets any other certification requirements established	1086
in rules adopted under section 4765.11 of the Revised Code.	1087
(D) Notwithstanding any requirement for a certificate to	1088
practice issued under this section, the board shall issue a	1089
certificate in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code	1090
to an individual if either of the following applies:	1091
(1) The individual holds a license or certificate in	1092
another state.	1093
(2) The individual has satisfactory work experience, a	1094
government certification, or a private certification as	1095
described in that chapter as a first responder in a state that	1096
does not issue that license or certificate.	1097
(E) A certificate to practice shall have a certification	1098
cycle established by the board and may be renewed by the board	1099
pursuant to rules adopted under section 4765.11 of the Revised	1100
Code. Not later than sixty days prior to the expiration date of	1101
an individual's certificate to practice, the board shall notify	1102
the individual of the scheduled expiration.	1103
An application for renewal shall be accompanied by the	1104
appropriate renewal fee established in rules adopted under	1105
section 4765.11 of the Revised Code, unless the board waives the	1106
fee on determining pursuant to those rules that the applicant	1107
cannot afford to pay the fee. Except as provided in division (B)	1108
of section 4765.31 of the Revised Code, the application shall	1109
include evidence of either of the following:	1110

(1) That the applicant received a certificate of 1111
completion from the appropriate emergency medical services 1112
~~training and~~ continuing education program pursuant to section 1113
4765.24 of the Revised Code; 1114

(2) That the applicant has successfully passed an 1115
examination that demonstrates the competence to have a 1116
certificate renewed without completing an emergency medical 1117
services continuing education ~~requirements~~ program. The board 1118
shall approve such examinations in accordance with rules adopted 1119
under section 4765.11 of the Revised Code. 1120

(F) The board shall not require an applicant for renewal 1121
of a certificate to practice to take an examination as a 1122
condition of renewing the certificate. This division does not 1123
preclude the use of examinations by operators of ~~accredited~~ 1124
approved emergency medical services ~~training and~~ continuing 1125
education programs as a condition for issuance of a certificate 1126
of completion in emergency medical services continuing 1127
education. 1128

Section 5. That the existing versions of sections 4765.10, 1129
4765.11, and 4765.30 of the Revised Code that are scheduled to 1130
take effect on December 23, 2023, are hereby repealed. 1131

Section 6. Sections 4 and 5 of this act take effect 1132
December 29, 2023. 1133

Section 7. The General Assembly, applying the principle 1134
stated in division (B) of section 1.52 of the Revised Code that 1135
amendments are to be harmonized if reasonably capable of 1136
simultaneous operation, finds that the following sections, 1137
presented in this act as composites of the sections as amended 1138
by the acts indicated, are the resulting versions of the 1139

sections in effect prior to the effective date of the sections 1140
as presented in this act: 1141

The version of section 4765.10 of the Revised Code that is 1142
scheduled to take effect December 29, 2023, as amended by both 1143
H.B. 509 and S.B. 131 of the 134th General Assembly. 1144

The version of section 4765.11 of the Revised Code that is 1145
scheduled to take effect December 29, 2023, as amended by both 1146
H.B. 509 and S.B. 131 of the 134th General Assembly. 1147

Section 4765.16 of the Revised Code as amended by both 1148
H.B. 23 and H.B. 509 of the 134th General Assembly. 1149

The version of section 4765.30 that is scheduled to take 1150
effect December 29, 2023, as amended by both H.B. 509 and S.B. 1151
131 of the 134th General Assembly. 1152

Section 8. This act is hereby declared to be an emergency 1153
measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public 1154
peace, health, and safety. The reason for such necessity is that 1155
changes from H.B. 509 of the 134th General Assembly merging the 1156
emergency medical services training programs with the continuing 1157
educations programs are scheduled to take effect on April 6, 1158
2023. That merger will create serious hardships for emergency 1159
medical service organizations and providers. Therefore, this act 1160
shall go into immediate effect. 1161