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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 79
board of township trustees shall appoint a fire prevention 80
officer who shall exercise all of the duties of a fire chief 81
except those involving the maintenance and operation of fire 82
apparatus. The board may appoint one or more deputy fire 83
prevention officers who shall exercise the duties assigned by 84
the fire prevention officer. 85

The board may fix the compensation for the fire prevention 86
officer and the fire prevention officer's deputies as it 87
considers best. The board shall appoint each fire prevention 88
officer and deputy for a one-year term. An appointee may be 89
reappointed at the end of a term to another one-year term. Any 90
appointee may be removed from office during a term as provided 91
by sections 733.35 to 733.39 of the Revised Code. Section 505.45 92
of the Revised Code extends to those officers. 93

(C) (1) Division (A) of this section does not apply to any 94
township that has a population of ten thousand or more persons 95
residing within the township and outside of any municipal 96
corporation, that has its own fire department employing ten or 97
more full-time paid employees, and that has a civil service 98
commission established under division (B) of section 124.40 of 99
the Revised Code. The township shall comply with the procedures 100
for the employment, promotion, and discharge of firefighters 101
provided by Chapter 124. of the Revised Code, except as 102
otherwise provided in divisions (C) (2) and (3) of this section. 103

(2) The board of township trustees of the township may 104
appoint the fire chief, and any person so appointed shall be in 105
the unclassified service under section 124.11 of the Revised 106
Code and shall serve at the pleasure of the board. Neither this 107

section nor any other section of the Revised Code requires, or 108
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 department shall have a fire chief as the department's head, appointed by the mayor with the advice and consent of the legislative authority of the village, who shall continue in office until removed from office as provided by sections 733.35 to 733.39 of the Revised Code. 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 of the village.

In each village not having a fire department, the mayor shall, with the advice and consent of the legislative authority of the village, 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 legislative authority of the village may fix the compensation it considers best. The appointee shall continue in office until removed from office as provided by sections 733.35 to 733.39 of the Revised Code. Section 737.23 of the Revised Code shall extend to the officer.

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

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

(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 and continuing education 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 and continuing education programs <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 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.	492 493 494 495 496 497 498 499 500 501 502 503 504
(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:	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 1216
regulatory entity. 1217

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 and continuing	1259
education programs <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 requirements <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 the committee, shall charter or renew the charter of any training program that the executive director determines meets the qualifications established in rules adopted under division (B) of this section, and may take disciplinary action against the holder of a charter in accordance with rules adopted under division (B) of this section.

(D) The executive director shall issue or renew a fire training certificate for a firefighter, a fire safety inspector, or another position of any fire training certification level approved by the executive director, 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 actions against a certificate holder or applicant in accordance with rules adopted under division (B) of this section.

(E) Certificates issued under this section shall be on a form prescribed by 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.

(F) (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 establish criteria for evaluating the standards maintained by the branches of the United States military for firefighter, fire safety inspector, and fire instructor training programs, and other training programs recognized by the executive director, to determine whether the standards are equivalent to those established under this section

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