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 2 An act relating to telecommunicator cardiopulmonary
 3 resuscitation; amending s. 401.465, F.S.; providing
 4 definitions; requiring certain 911 public safety
 5 telecommunicators to complete biennial
 6 telecommunicator cardiopulmonary resuscitation
 7 training; authorizing certain agencies to enter into
 8 reciprocal agreements with certain entities to provide
 9 telephonic assistance in administering cardiopulmonary
 10 resuscitation under certain circumstances; requiring
 11 certain employees of such agencies to directly provide
 12 telephonic assistance in administering cardiopulmonary
 13 resuscitation, when appropriate, or transfer telephone
 14 calls for emergency medical conditions to certain
 15 entities; providing an effective date.

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 17 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 19 Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section
 20 401.465, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as paragraph (d),
 21 subsections (3) and (4) are renumbered as subsections (4) and
 22 (5), respectively, paragraphs (b), (d), (i), and (j) of
 23 subsection (2) of that section are amended, new paragraphs (c)
 24 and (e) are added to subsection (1) of that section, and a new
 25 subsection (3) is added to that section, to read:

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26 401.465 911 public safety telecommunicator certification.—
 27 (1) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section, the term:
 28 (c) "Public safety agency" has the same meaning as in s.
 29 365.171(3)(d).

30 (e) "Telecommunicator cardiopulmonary resuscitation
 31 training" means specific training, including continuous
 32 education, that is evidence based and contains nationally
 33 accepted guidelines for high-quality telecommunicator
 34 cardiopulmonary resuscitation with the recognition of out-of-
 35 hospital cardiac arrest over the telephone and the delivery of
 36 telephonic instructions for treating cardiac arrest and
 37 performing compression-only cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

38 (2) PERSONNEL; STANDARDS AND CERTIFICATION.—

39 (b) A public safety agency, ~~as defined in s.~~
 40 ~~365.171(3)(d),~~ may employ a 911 public safety telecommunicator
 41 trainee for a period not to exceed 12 months if the trainee
 42 works under the direct supervision of a certified 911 public
 43 safety telecommunicator, as determined by rule of the
 44 department, and is enrolled in a public safety telecommunication
 45 training program.

46 (d) The department shall determine whether the applicant
 47 meets the requirements specified in this section and in rules of
 48 the department and shall issue a certificate to any person who
 49 meets such requirements. Such requirements must include all of
 50 the following:

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- 51 1. Completion of an appropriate 911 public safety
 52 telecommunication training program.‡
- 53 2. Certification under oath that the applicant is not
 54 addicted to alcohol or any controlled substance.‡
- 55 3. Certification under oath that the applicant is free
 56 from any physical or mental defect or disease that might impair
 57 the applicant's ability to perform his or her duties.‡
- 58 4. Submission of the application fee prescribed in
 59 subsection (4). ~~(3)~~‡
- 60 5. Submission of a completed application to the department
 61 which indicates compliance with subparagraphs 1., 2., and 3.‡
 62 ~~and~~
- 63 6. Effective October 1, 2012, passage of an examination
 64 approved by the department which measures the applicant's
 65 competency and proficiency in the subject material of the public
 66 safety telecommunication training program.
- 67 (i) If a person was employed as a 911 public safety
 68 telecommunicator or a state-certified firefighter before April
 69 1, 2012, he or she must pass the examination approved by the
 70 department which measures the competency and proficiency in the
 71 subject material of the public safety telecommunication program,
 72 ~~as defined in paragraph (1)(c)~~. Upon passage of the examination,
 73 the completion of the public safety telecommunication training
 74 program is waived.
- 75 (j)1. The requirement for certification as a 911 public

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76 safety telecommunicator is waived for a person employed as a
 77 sworn state-certified law enforcement officer, if ~~provided~~ the
 78 officer:

79 a. Is selected by his or her chief executive to perform as
 80 a 911 public safety telecommunicator;

81 b. Performs as a 911 public safety telecommunicator on an
 82 occasional or limited basis; and

83 c. Passes the department-approved examination that
 84 measures the competency and proficiency of an applicant in the
 85 subject material comprising the public safety telecommunication
 86 program.

87 2. A sworn state-certified law enforcement officer who
 88 fails an examination taken under subparagraph 1. must take a
 89 department-approved public safety telecommunication training
 90 program before ~~prior to~~ retaking the examination.

91 3. The testing required under this paragraph is exempt
 92 from the examination fee required under subsection (4) ~~(3)~~.

93 (3) TELECOMMUNICATOR CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION.—

94 (a) In addition to the certification and recertification
 95 requirements in this section, 911 public safety
 96 telecommunicators who answer telephone calls and provide
 97 dispatch functions for emergency medical conditions must
 98 complete telecommunicator cardiopulmonary resuscitation training
 99 every 2 years.

100 (b)1. A public safety agency or any agency that receives

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101 or dispatches telephone calls for emergency medical conditions
 102 may enter into a reciprocal agreement with another public safety
 103 agency or agency that receives or dispatches such telephone
 104 calls, a dedicated phone line, or a call center to provide
 105 telephonic assistance in administering cardiopulmonary
 106 resuscitation, if the applicable agency, dedicated phone line,
 107 or call center that will be accepting the telephone calls
 108 employs 911 public safety telecommunicators who have completed
 109 telecommunicator cardiopulmonary resuscitation training pursuant
 110 to paragraph (a).

111 2. Any employee of a public safety agency or agency
 112 receiving or dispatching telephone calls for emergency medical
 113 conditions who answers such telephone calls must directly
 114 provide telephonic assistance in administering cardiopulmonary
 115 resuscitation, when appropriate, or transfer such calls to the
 116 applicable agency, dedicated phone line, or call center with
 117 which the transferring agency has a reciprocal agreement as
 118 provided in subparagraph 1.

119 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.