



State of Wisconsin
2023 - 2024 LEGISLATURE

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2023 SENATE BILL 420

September 8, 2023 - Introduced by Senators JAMES, BALLWEG, CABRAL-GUEVARA, FEYEN, STROEBEL, NASS and MARKLEIN, cosponsored by Representatives HURD, PETRYK, ALLEN, BEHNKE, BRANDTJEN, CALLAHAN, EDMING, GREEN, GUNDRUM, GUSTAFSON, KITCHENS, MICHALSKI, OLDENBURG, PENTERMAN, TUSLER and DONOVAN. Referred to Committee on Licensing, Constitution and Federalism.

1 **AN ACT to create** 106.13 (2m) (q), 256.12 (5) (c), 256.15 (6) (d) and 256.15 (8) (dm)
2 of the statutes; **relating to:** eligibility of certain minors for licensure as
3 emergency medical services practitioners and certification as emergency
4 medical responders, providing an exemption from emergency rule procedures,
5 and extending the time limit for emergency rule procedures.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill allows individuals who are 17 years of age to apply for licensure as emergency medical services practitioners and for certification as emergency medical responders if the individuals meet certain requirements specified in the bill. Under current law, no person under the age of 18 may apply for licensure as an emergency medical services practitioner or for certification as an emergency medical responder. “Emergency medical services practitioner” is defined under current law to mean an emergency medical technician, an advanced emergency medical technician, an emergency medical technician — intermediate, or a paramedic. Further, under the bill, the Department of Health Services may reimburse a school district, charter school, or tribal school for any costs to administer an examination necessary for a student to become licensed as an emergency medical services practitioner or certified as an emergency medical responder. Finally, the bill includes emergency medical services as an approved occupational area in the youth apprenticeship program. The youth apprenticeship program integrates school-based and work-based learning for students in certain industries in the state. Under current law, the Department of

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Workforce Development is required to develop curricula for the youth apprenticeship program for all approved occupational areas.

For further information see the state fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

1 **SECTION 1.** 106.13 (2m) (q) of the statutes is created to read:

2 106.13 **(2m)** (q) Emergency medical services.

3 **SECTION 2.** 256.12 (5) (c) of the statutes is created to read:

4 256.12 **(5)** (c) From the appropriation under s. 20.435 (1) (ch), the department
5 may reimburse a school district, a charter school, as defined under s. 115.001 (1), or
6 a tribal school, as defined under s. 115.001 (15m), for any costs that the school
7 district, charter school, or tribal school incurs to pay for the administration of an
8 examination required for licensure as an emergency medical services practitioner
9 under s. 256.15 (6) (a) 3. or certification as an emergency medical responder under
10 s. 256.15 (8). The department may not reimburse a school district, charter school,
11 or tribal school in a school year for any costs that the school district, charter school,
12 or tribal school incurs to administer an examination for a student who has already
13 completed an examination under this paragraph in that school year.

14 **SECTION 3.** 256.15 (6) (d) of the statutes is created to read:

15 256.15 **(6)** (d) Notwithstanding par. (a) 1., an individual who is 17 years of age
16 is eligible for an initial license as an emergency medical services practitioner if the
17 individual satisfies all of the following:

18 1. The individual meets all the requirements under par. (a) that are not related
19 to the individual's age.

20 2. The individual maintains school attendance in compliance with s. 118.15.

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1 3. The individual provides the department with a letter signed by the
2 individual's parent or guardian indicating the consent of the individual's parent or
3 guardian for the individual to work as an emergency medical services practitioner.

4 4. The individual provides the department with a letter of endorsement from
5 a sponsoring organization that provides emergency medical services.

6 5. The individual agrees, in a manner approved by the department, to comply
7 with any applicable federal and state laws, rules, and regulations.

8 **SECTION 4.** 256.15 (8) (dm) of the statutes is created to read:

9 256.15 (8) (dm) Notwithstanding par. (b) 1., an individual who is 17 years of
10 age is eligible for an initial certification as an emergency medical responder if the
11 individual satisfies all of the following:

12 1. The individual meets all the requirements under par. (b) that are not related
13 to the individual's age.

14 2. The individual maintains school attendance in compliance with s. 118.15.

15 3. The individual provides the department with a letter signed by the
16 individual's parent or guardian indicating the consent of the individual's parent or
17 guardian for the individual to work as an emergency medical responder.

18 4. The individual provides the department with a letter of endorsement from
19 a sponsoring organization that provides emergency medical services.

20 5. The individual agrees, in a manner approved by the department, to comply
21 with any applicable federal and state laws, rules, and regulations.

22 **SECTION 5. Nonstatutory provisions.**

23 (1) The department of health services may promulgate emergency rules under
24 s. 227.24 to implement s. 256.15 (5) (c), (6) (d), and (8) (dm). Notwithstanding s.
25 227.24 (1) (c) and (2), emergency rules promulgated under this subsection remain in

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1 effect until January 1, 2026, or the date on which permanent rules take effect,
2 whichever is sooner. Notwithstanding s. 227.24 (1) (a) and (3), the department is not
3 required to provide evidence that promulgating a rule under this subsection as an
4 emergency rule is necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety,
5 or welfare and is not required to provide a finding of emergency for a rule
6 promulgated under this subsection.

7 (END)