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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to pediatric equipment and supplies for emergency medical
3 services vehicles and pediatric care training for emergency medical
4 services personnel.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Section 773.050, Health and Safety Code, is
7 amended by amending Subsections (f) and (g) and adding Subsection
8 (f-1) to read as follows:

9 (f) The executive commissioner shall recognize, prepare, or
10 administer continuing education programs for certified personnel.
11 A certificate holder must participate in the programs to the extent
12 required by Subsection (f-1) and the executive commissioner to
13 remain certified.

14 (f-1) Emergency medical services personnel must attend
15 continuing education training in the management and care of
16 pediatric patients, including pediatric patients with special
17 health care needs, that is provided by the department or by a
18 department-approved continuing education program for certified
19 emergency medical services personnel. The continuing education
20 training may include online courses. Emergency medical services
21 personnel must successfully complete hours of the continuing
22 education training every two years of the four-year certification
23 period as follows:

24 (1) one hour for emergency medical care attendants;

1 (2) two hours for emergency medical
2 technicians-basic;

3 (3) six hours for emergency medical
4 technicians-intermediate; and

5 (4) eight hours for emergency medical
6 technicians-paramedic.

7 (g) Rules adopting minimum standards under this section
8 shall require:

9 (1) an emergency medical services vehicle to be
10 equipped with:

11 (A) an epinephrine auto-injector device or
12 similar device to treat anaphylaxis; and

13 (B) essential pediatric equipment and supplies
14 for the vehicle as required under Section 773.173(a-1); and

15 (2) emergency medical services personnel to complete
16 continuing education training in:

17 (A) the administration of anaphylaxis treatment;
18 and

19 (B) the management and care of pediatric patients
20 as prescribed by Subsection (f-1).

21 SECTION 2. Section 773.173, Health and Safety Code, is
22 amended by adding Subsections (a-1) and (b-1) to read as follows:

23 (a-1) Notwithstanding Subsection (a)(3)(B), the executive
24 commissioner by rule shall adopt minimum standards for essential
25 pediatric equipment and supplies required for an emergency medical
26 services vehicle and appropriate for the scope of practice
27 delegated by the medical director and consistent with the level of

1 care designation authorized for the vehicle.

2 (b-1) Notwithstanding Subsection (b), in adopting rules
3 under Subsection (a-1), the executive commissioner shall consider:

4 (1) the most current recommendations on pediatric
5 equipment and supplies for ambulances developed by a consensus of
6 national organizations of trauma surgeons, emergency physicians,
7 pediatricians, and emergency medical services physicians or
8 developed by members of a national pediatric equipment guidelines
9 committee; and

10 (2) the recommendations of the Institute of Medicine's
11 report "Emergency Care for Children: Growing Pains," 2007, or, as
12 determined appropriate by the executive commissioner, an updated
13 version of that report.

14 SECTION 3. (a) Not later than January 1, 2012, the
15 executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission
16 shall adopt the rules required by Sections 773.050(g), Health and
17 Safety Code, as amended by this Act, and 773.173(a-1), Health and
18 Safety Code, as added by this Act.

19 (b) Notwithstanding Sections 773.050(f) and (g), Health and
20 Safety Code, as amended by this Act:

21 (1) an emergency medical services provider is not
22 required to equip emergency medical services vehicles with the
23 pediatric equipment and supplies required under Section
24 773.173(a-1), Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act, until
25 September 1, 2012; and

26 (2) emergency medical services personnel are not
27 required to have completed continuing education training as

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1 described by Sections 773.050(f-1) and (g)(2)(B), Health and Safety
2 Code, as added by this Act, until September 1, 2013.

3 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.