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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to required cardiopulmonary resuscitation training for certain telecommunicators.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 1701.352, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Subsection (j) to read as follows:

(j)  The commission shall require a state, county, special district, or municipal agency that employs telecommunicators to require each telecommunicator who provides dispatch for medical emergencies to receive training, including continuing education training, in telecommunicator cardiopulmonary resuscitation. A telecommunicator shall complete initial training not later than the 60th day after the telecommunicator's first date of employment with the entity. A telecommunicator shall complete continuing education training at least as often as nationally recognized standards for telecommunicator cardiopulmonary resuscitation training are updated. The training must:

(1)  use the most current nationally recognized emergency cardiovascular care guidelines;

(2)  incorporate recognition protocols for out-of-hospital cardiac arrest; and

(3)  provide information on best practices for relaying compression-only cardiopulmonary resuscitation instructions to callers.

SECTION 2.  As soon as practicable after the effective date of this Act, the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement shall adopt rules necessary to implement Section 1701.352(j), Occupations Code, as added by this Act.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.