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H.B. 52*
135th General Assembly

Bill Analysis

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Version: As Reported by Senate Local Government

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SUMMARY

- Reverses the following changes enacted in H.B. 509 of the 134th General Assembly:
 - The merger of the emergency medical services (EMS) training programs with the EMS continuing education programs.
 - The merger of the corresponding instructor certifications for training and continuing education.
- Removes the requirement that the State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services adopt rules governing procedures for the merger.
- Declares an emergency and makes the bill's provisions effective April 6, 2023, in order to override the effective date of the H.B. 509 provisions.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Background

H.B. 509 of the 134th General Assembly made changes to the law governing several occupational licenses. Among the changes, it merged the emergency medical services (EMS) training and continuing education programs. H.B. 509 will be effective April 6, 2023. The change specified above requires the State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services to adopt rules to effectuate the merger of the programs.

* This analysis was prepared before the report of the Senate Local Government Committee appeared in the Senate Journal. Note that the legislative history may be incomplete.

EMS training and continuing education mergers

The bill reverses the changes made by H.B. 509 that require EMS training and continuing education to be operated as a joint program. Thus, it requires the training and continuing education programs to be operated as two separate programs. Correspondingly, it eliminates the requirement that the Board establish procedures for accrediting EMS training and continuing education programs under one certificate of accreditation. Additionally, the bill removes the requirement that the Board adopt rules specifying the following:

- The steps that the operator of a training program accredited prior to April 6, 2023, must take in order to offer continuing education courses;
- The steps the operator of a continuing education program accredited prior to April 6, 2023, must take in order to offer training courses; and
- The steps that any person certified as an EMS instructor or an EMS continuing education teacher prior to April 6, 2023, must take to retain certification to teach both training and continuing education courses.¹

Emergency clause and future versions

Because H.B. 509 becomes effective on April 6, 2023, the bill declares an emergency and specifies that its provisions are effective on that date. By doing so, the bill's provisions override the effective date of the H.B. 509 provisions. Additionally, another bill from the 134th General Assembly created future versions of several sections impacted by this bill. The bill amends the future versions, in order to continue its changes beyond December 23, 2023.²

HISTORY

Action	Date
Introduced	02-15-23
Reported, H. State & Local Gov't	03-01-23
Passed House (95-0)	03-01-23
Reported, S. Local Gov't	---

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¹ R.C. 4765.10, 4765.11, 4765.15, 4765.16, 4765.17, 4765.18, 4765.22, 4765.23, 4765.24, 4765.29, 4765.30, 4765.31, 4765.49, and 4765.50.

² Sections 3 to 8.