



# State of Tennessee

## PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 489

### HOUSE BILL NO. 228

By Representatives Crawford, Helton, Sherrell, Moon, Haston, Smith, Hardaway, Littleton, Lynn

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 250

By Senator Lundberg

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 140, Part 3, relative to emergency medical services.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-140-331, is amended by deleting the section and substituting instead the following:

(a) A limited pilot project is established for the purpose of determining the impact of EMT/AEMT training centers operated by ambulance services licensed in this state. Under this limited pilot project, a total of fifteen (15) training centers authorized by this section may be operated. The emergency medical services board shall oversee this pilot project.

(b) In order to be certified by the board pursuant to § 68-140-304(13), a training program offered by an EMT/AEMT training center must follow the National EMS Scope of Practice Model for Emergency Medical Service Personnel as promulgated by the United States department of transportation, national highway traffic safety administration. Ambulance services licensed in this state may establish an EMT/AEMT training program. Additionally, the ambulance service must have an instructor coordinator approved by the division of emergency medical services who serves as the training coordinator or lead instructor for the ambulance service. The ambulance service must charge a special enrollment fee of one hundred seventy-five dollars (\$175) to each student to be paid directly to the division of emergency medical services to be allocated to the general fund. When considering a pilot EMT/AEMT training center application under this section, the board shall consider whether an EMT/AEMT training center exists in the relevant service area in which the pilot EMT/AEMT training center is seeking to be located.

(c)

(1) A training program offered by an EMT/AEMT training center may not offer training to more than two (2) classes of students per year, per type of class.

(2) A training program offered by an EMT/AEMT training center may not have more than ten (10) total students per class.

(3) An ambulance service located in a county with a population of less than fifty thousand (50,000), according to the 2010 federal census and any subsequent federal census, may send students to another county for training. The receiving training center may then have classes of no more than twenty (20) students per class.

(d)

(1) Any ambulance service that operates an EMT/AEMT training center must document, for each student, the student name, the course the student takes, the date the course begins and is completed, and the exam score for each time the student takes the standard certification test. For each course taught, the ambulance service training center must also report the total number of students that started the course, the total number of students that completed the course,

and the percentage of those who completed the course that passed the standard certification test on the first attempt.

(2) The documentation required by subdivision (d)(1) must be submitted to the emergency medical services board and to the chancellor of the Tennessee board of regents on a quarterly basis, beginning in the quarter that the first course offered by the training center is completed.

(3) The emergency medical services board shall compile an annual report based on the documentation received from ambulance services operating an EMT/AEMT training center and shall submit the annual report to the chairs of the health committee of the house of representatives and the health and welfare committee of the senate. This report must be submitted by June 30 of each year the pilot project is in operation.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: May 2, 2019



GLEN CASADA, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RANDY MCNALLY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 24<sup>th</sup> day of May 2019



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR