



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 998

SENATE BILL NO. 1873

By Lundberg

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1758

By Crawford, Timothy Hill, Gant, Sherrell

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 68-140-304, is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision:

(13) Certify emergency medical technician (EMT) and advanced emergency medical technician (AEMT) training centers operated by ambulance services to provide training for career EMTs and AEMTs.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 140, Part 3, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) 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 U.S. 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.

(b)(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 program may then have classes of no more than twenty (20) total students per class.

(c)(1) Any ambulance service that operates an EMT/AEMT training center must document, for each student, the student name, the course the students take, the date the course begins and is completed, and the exam score for each time the students take the standard certification test.

(2) The documentation required by subdivision (c)(1) must be submitted to the emergency medical services board and to the Tennessee board of regents.

(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.

(d) The training centers authorized by this section are a limited pilot project for the purposes of assessing the impact of EMT/AEMT training centers on the provision of emergency medical services in the state. Under this limited pilot project, an EMT/AEMT training center authorized by this section may only be operated in counties having a population, according to the 2010 federal census or any subsequent federal census, of:

<u>not less than:</u>	<u>nor more than:</u>
156,800	156,900
122,900	123,000
57,400	57,500
56,800	56,900
18,200	18,300

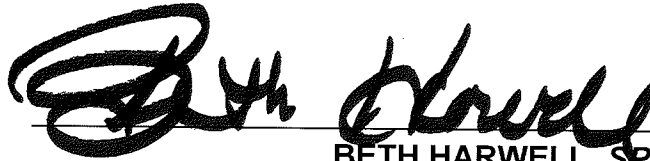
SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 25, 2018

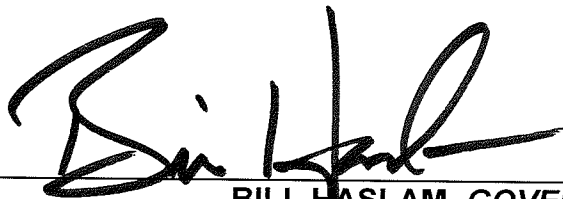


RANDY McNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 21st day of May 2018



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR