

HB 2458 -- EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

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Currently, any ambulance district board member is required to attend a training session within 12 months of taking office or he or she will not be compensated for attending meetings and will be prohibited from running for reelection until the board member completes the training. This bill amends those provisions by requiring all members of the board of directors of an ambulance district to complete three hours of continuing education for each term of office. The continuing education will be offered by a statewide association organized for the benefit of ambulance districts or be approved by the State Advisory Council on Emergency Medical Services. Any board member who fails to complete the initial training and continuing education requirements on or before the anniversary date of the member's election or appointment will be immediately disqualified from office.

The bill requires each ambulance district to arrange, at least once every three years, for a certified public accountant or firm of certified public accountants to audit the records and accounts of the district. In addition to the rules promulgated by the Department of Health and Senior Services, the bill requires the Department to promulgate rules relating to participation with regional EMS advisory committees and ambulance service administrator qualifications.

Each ambulance service licensed under Chapter 190, RSMo, must identify to the Department of Health and Senior Services an individual as the ambulance service administrator, whose duties and training requirements are specified in the bill. Any individual serving as an ambulance service administrator as of August 28, 2024, will have until January 1, 2026, to meet the training requirements.

The bill specifies conditions under which the Department may refuse to issue, deny renewal of, or suspend a license under Section 190.109. If the Department determines an ambulance service is financially insolvent or its operations are insufficient, the Department may require the license holder to submit a corrective action plan within 15 days and may require implementation of the plan within 30 days. The bill specifies to whom the Department must provide notice of any determination of insolvency or insufficiency of operations of an ambulance service, as well as any action the Department must take after such a determination.