



97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB1217

Introduced 02/08/11, by Rep. Linda Chapa LaVia

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

50 ILCS 740/12.5 new
210 ILCS 50/3.52 new

Amends the Illinois Fire Protection Training Act. Provides that the Office of the State Fire Marshal shall develop, adopt, or approve a training course regarding the risks associated with autism and appropriate autism recognition and response techniques. Provides that every person who is seeking certification in a position of firefighter 1 or 2, whose duties involve fire suppression, firefighting, or fire rescue must satisfactorily complete an education course in autism recognition and response techniques. Amends the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems Act. Provides that the Department of Public Health shall develop, adopt, or approve a training course and curriculum with the purpose of informing emergency medical technicians of the risks associated with autism and providing instruction in appropriate autism recognition and response techniques. Provides that before being certified by the Department, each emergency medical technician trained in basic life support services must satisfactorily complete the training course. Provides that every person who is serving in a capacity as a certified emergency medical technician must satisfactorily complete a continuing education course in autism recognition and response techniques within 18 months. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning health.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Fire Protection Training Act is
5 amended by adding Section 12.5 as follows:

6 (50 ILCS 740/12.5 new)

7 Sec. 12.5. Autism recognition and response; training.

8 (a) The Office of the State Fire Marshal shall develop,
9 adopt, or otherwise approve a training course regarding the
10 risks associated with autism and appropriate autism
11 recognition and response techniques.

12 (b) The training may take the form of Internet, DVD, CD
13 ROM, or classroom-based instruction. Nothing in this Act shall
14 impose a train-the-trainer level requirement.

15 (c) Every person who, after the effective date of this
16 amendatory Act of the 97th General Assembly, is seeking
17 certification in a position of firefighter 1 or 2, whose duties
18 involve fire suppression, firefighting, or fire rescue,
19 whether as a volunteer or as a paid employee, must
20 satisfactorily complete an education course in autism
21 recognition and response techniques after the effective date of
22 this amendatory Act of the 97th General Assembly.

1 Section 10. The Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems
2 Act is amended by adding Section 3.52 as follows:

3 (210 ILCS 50/3.52 new)

4 Sec. 3.52. Autism recognition and response; training.

5 (a) The Department shall develop, adopt, or otherwise
6 approve a training course and curriculum with the purpose of
7 informing emergency medical technicians of the risks
8 associated with autism, as well as providing instruction in
9 appropriate autism recognition and response techniques.

10 (b) The training may take the form of Internet, DVD, CD
11 ROM, or classroom-based instruction. Nothing in this Act shall
12 impose a train-the-trainer level requirement.

13 (c) Before being certified by the Department, each
14 emergency medical technician trained in basic life support
15 services must satisfactorily complete the training course
16 developed under subsection (a). Every person who, on the
17 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 97th General
18 Assembly, is serving in a capacity as a certified emergency
19 medical technician must satisfactorily complete a continuing
20 education course in autism recognition and response techniques
21 within 18 months after the effective date of this amendatory
22 Act of the 97th General Assembly.

23 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
24 becoming law.