

**DRAFTER'S NOTE**  
**FROM THE**  
**LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU**

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ATTN: Bobby

The attached draft has been prepared in preliminary form. Please review the draft carefully to ensure that it is consistent with your intent.

In most areas, the Department of Health and Family Services regulates the staffing of ambulances and I would strongly encourage you to speak with both DHFS and DOT to discuss the establishment of both emergency vehicle driving standards and the ambulance driver training program.

Your request specified that there should be a 40-hour training period required of ambulance drivers that would be equivalent to the emergency driver training that law enforcement officers receive. I was not able to find any reference in the statutes or administrative code to a 40-hour driving course but instead found a four-hour driver training requirement for law enforcement officers under s. 165.85 (4) (bn) 1m. The draft adopts the driver training requirements for law enforcement officers and requires that ambulance drivers successfully complete a four-hour training course. Is that acceptable or would you like some other length for the course?

The draft requires DOT to establish an emergency vehicle driver training program for ambulance drivers. Do you wish to provide only for that one program run by DOT or would you like to allow DOT to certify non-DOT ambulance driver training programs or both? If you would like to allow DOT to certify non-DOT programs, must they be set up by municipalities or would you like to enable private parties to establish ambulance driver training schools?

If you would like to allow non-DOT training programs, how would you like to handle the issue of fees? Will the program set the fees or will DOT? How will fees be collected and distributed to the party operating the training program?

If DOT is to run one or more training programs, how would you like that funded? If DOT is to certify non-DOT training centers, how would you like that funded?

I have required recertification for ambulance drivers every two years. Is that acceptable? Would you like any continuing driver training prior to recertification?

The draft requires DOT to promulgate rules – do you want to set a deadline for DOT to submit proposed rules to the legislative council? Given the length of the delayed

effective date, DOT should be able to promulgate a final set of rules before the effective date if DOT has a six-month proposed rule submission date.

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