

**CHAPTER 65****( SB 142 )**

AN ACT relating to training for telecommunicators.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

➔Section 1. KRS 15.550 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) The basic course offered by the training program shall consist of forty (40) hours of instruction or training and shall consist of subjects appropriate for the basic training of law enforcement telecommunicators in the technique of emergency services communications. The Kentucky Law Enforcement Council shall approve all training curriculum and instructions.
- (2) *As a portion of the basic course offered, all telecommunicators who receive or dispatch emergency medical service calls shall be trained in telephone cardiopulmonary resuscitation (T-CPR) utilizing nationally recognized emergency cardiovascular care guidelines. At a minimum this training shall incorporate recognition protocols for out-of-hospital cardiac arrest, compression-only CPR instructions for callers, and continuing education as appropriate.*
- (3) *Online training modules based on nationally recognized guidelines that at a minimum incorporate recognition protocols for out of hospital cardiac arrest and compression-only CPR shall be acceptable for telecommunicators who have not been through the training academies or who are not otherwise certified in these protocols.*

➔SECTION 2. A NEW SECTION OF KRS 15.530 TO 15.590 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

- (1) *A PSAP as defined by KRS 65.750 or an agency receiving or dispatching emergency medical service calls may enter into a reciprocal agreement with another PSAP, dedicated phone line, or call center to provide telephone cardiopulmonary resuscitation (T-CPR) utilizing nationally recognized emergency cardiovascular care guidelines, provided that the PSAP or other agency that accepts the call has telecommunicators trained in T-CPR in accordance with subsection (2) or (3) of Section 1 of this Act.*
- (2) *Any employee of a PSAP that answers calls for emergency medical conditions shall, in the appropriate circumstances, provide telephonic assistance in administering CPR directly or transfer calls to a dedicated phone line, call center, or other PSAP with which the transferring PSAP has a reciprocal agreement.*

**Signed by Governor April 2, 2018.**