

House Bill 827

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 35-8-23 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to basic  
2 training course for communications officers, so as to require that 9-1-1 communications  
3 officers receive training in the delivery of high-quality telephone cardiopulmonary  
4 resuscitation; to provide training requirements; to provide for compliance reviews; to provide  
5 for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Code Section 35-8-23 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to basic training  
9 course for communications officers, is amended by adding a new subsection to read as  
10 follows:

11 "(e) On and after July 1, 2021, the basic training course for communications officers shall  
12 include training in the delivery of high-quality telephone cardiopulmonary resuscitation  
13 (T-CPR), and no person shall on or after that date be certified by the council under this  
14 Code section unless such person has satisfactorily completed such training. The training  
15 shall follow the most current evidence based nationally recognized guidelines for  
16 high-quality telephone cardiopulmonary resuscitation which incorporate recognition

17 protocols for out-of-hospital cardiac arrest, compression only cardiopulmonary  
18 resuscitation, and continuing education. The council shall conduct administrative  
19 compliance reviews with respect to the requirements of this subsection, including  
20 adherence by communications officers and local governmental agencies, and may adjust  
21 state assistance grants under Code Section 46-5-134.2 based on failure to comply with the  
22 requirements of this subsection."

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**SECTION 2.**

24 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.