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April 4, 2022

BILL NO. 3132

By: Kendrix of the House

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Weaver of the Senate

An Act relating to public health; amending 63 O.S. 2021, Section 1-2504, which relates to emergency medical personnel; providing exception; allowing municipalities, public ambulance service districts, and emergency medical service districts to enter agreements with first responder agencies for certain purposes; requiring agreements to include certain provisions; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 1-2504, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1-2504. A. Any hospital or health care facility operating within the state may utilize emergency medical technician, intermediate emergency medical technician, advanced emergency medical technician or paramedic, community paramedic or critical care paramedic personnel for the delivery of emergency medical patient care within the hospital or health care facility. ~~All~~ Except as authorized in Section 2 of this act, all licensed ambulance services shall use emergency medical technician,

1 intermediate emergency medical technician, advanced emergency  
2 medical technician or paramedic personnel for on-scene patient care  
3 and stabilization and the delivery of prehospital and en route  
4 emergency medical care.

5 B. Any hospital or health care facility operating within the  
6 state may utilize community paramedic personnel for the delivery of  
7 community paramedic services for patients who come to the hospital  
8 or health care facility who reside in this state.

9 C. While participating in an emergency medical technician,  
10 intermediate emergency medical technician, advanced emergency  
11 medical technician, community paramedic or paramedic training course  
12 approved by the State Department of Health, the student shall be  
13 allowed to perform in the hospital, clinic or prehospital setting,  
14 while under the direct supervision of a physician, registered nurse,  
15 or licensed emergency medical personnel who are licensed at a level  
16 equal to or above the level of training of the student, or other  
17 allied health preceptor, any of the skills determined to be  
18 appropriate for the training level of the student by the Department.

19 D. The student shall be allowed to perform any of the skills  
20 determined to be appropriate by the Department for the training  
21 level of the student while performing community paramedic services  
22 under the direct supervision of a physician, registered nurse or  
23 emergency medical personnel who are licensed at a level equal to or  
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1 above the level of training of the student, or other allied health  
2 preceptor.

3 E. A registered nurse or licensed practical nurse may be used  
4 in the back of an ambulance during an interhospital transfer to  
5 supplement the skills of licensed emergency medical personnel. A  
6 registered nurse or licensed practical nurse functioning in this  
7 fashion must be following written orders of a physician or be in  
8 direct radio or telephone contact with a physician.

9 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
10 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-2516.1 of Title 63, unless  
11 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

12 A. The governing body of any municipality, public ambulance  
13 service district organized pursuant to Sections 1201 through 1221 of  
14 Title 19 of the Oklahoma Statutes, or emergency medical service  
15 district organized pursuant to Section 9C of Article X of the  
16 Oklahoma Constitution may elect to enter into agreements with local  
17 first responder agencies, whether governmental or nonprofit, for the  
18 purpose of acquiring assistance with emergency medical response.

19 B. All agreements entered into pursuant to subsection A of this  
20 section shall, at a minimum:

21 1. Determine the required training necessary in order for first  
22 responders to participate under the agreement;

23 2. Establish a system for identifying which first responders  
24 are eligible to participate under the agreement;

- 1        3. Establish a process for verifying the training credentials  
2 of participating first responders;
- 3        4. Establish the level of emergency medical care to be provided  
4 by the participating first responders;
- 5        5. Determine which party to the agreement shall provide  
6 compensation, if any, and insurance coverage for participating first  
7 responders;
- 8        6. Establish a process for ensuring that participating first  
9 responders are familiar and compliant with applicable operating  
10 procedures and standards of care; and
- 11       7. Establish the procedures by which participating first  
12 responders shall be notified that their assistance is required.

13       SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2022.  
14 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
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