



**Department of  
Public Safety**



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Dear Stakeholder:

You are invited to offer public comment as outlined in this notice regarding proposed changes to rule 4765-18-11 (*Reciprocity qualifications for a certificate to teach as an EMS instructor.*) and Chapter 4765-8 (*Certificate to Teach or Practice; Continuing Education*) of the Ohio Administrative Code (O.A.C.).

O.A.C. Chapter 4765-8 rules set forth the qualifications and processes required to obtain and maintain a certificate to practice as an emergency medical responder, emergency medical technician, advanced emergency medical technician, or paramedic. Some of the rules set forth qualifications and processes related to obtaining and maintaining a certificate to teach an EMS training program through an accredited institution or an approved EMS continuing education (CE) program. Rule 4765-18-11 sets forth the qualifications to receive reciprocity for a certificate to teach as an EMS instructor.

You are receiving this message pursuant to the requirements of section 107.54 of the Ohio Revised Code (R.C.), which require state agencies, including the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Medical Services (EMS), to draft rules in collaboration with stakeholders, assess and justify any adverse impact on the business community (as defined by section 107.52 of the R.C.), and provide opportunity for interested parties to submit feedback regarding proposed rules.

Pursuant to its completed R.C. Chapter 106. rule review, EMS proposes to file eight rules as amended rules and five rules as no change rules. The revisions are proposed to update materials incorporated by reference and to correct references, punctuation, and grammar. Two rules are amended to require certain applicants for reciprocity to provide a criminal records check that includes information from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

The proposed rules and link to submit comments may be accessed electronically via EMS' *Laws & Rules Overview* website at <https://www.ems.ohio.gov/laws.aspx> at the heading *Draft and Proposed Rules*.

All interested parties are invited to offer public comment at [EMS.rules@dps.ohio.gov](mailto:EMS.rules@dps.ohio.gov) regarding the proposed changes. **Public comments may be submitted through 11:59 p.m. on May 19, 2021.**

**Copy the Common Sense Initiative (CSI) office, which governs the state's regulatory process, at [CSIPublicComments@governor.ohio.gov](mailto:CSIPublicComments@governor.ohio.gov) on all public comments that you submit.**

Regards,

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