



Ohio Revised Code

Section 4765.10 State board - powers and duties.

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(A) The state board of emergency medical, fire, and transportation services shall do all of the following:

- (1) Administer and enforce the provisions of this chapter and the rules adopted under it;
- (2) Approve, in accordance with procedures established in rules adopted under section 4765.11 of the Revised Code, examinations that demonstrate competence to have a certificate to practice renewed without completing a continuing education program;
- (3) Advise applicants for state or federal emergency medical services funds, review and comment on applications for these funds, and approve the use of all state and federal funds designated solely for emergency medical service programs unless federal law requires another state agency to approve the use of all such federal funds;
- (4) Serve as a statewide clearinghouse for discussion, inquiry, and complaints concerning emergency medical services;
- (5) Make recommendations to the general assembly on legislation to improve the delivery of emergency medical services;
- (6) Maintain a toll-free long distance telephone number through which it shall respond to questions about emergency medical services;
- (7) Work with appropriate state offices in coordinating the training of firefighters and emergency medical service personnel. Other state offices that are involved in the training of firefighters or emergency medical service personnel shall cooperate with the board and its committees and subcommittees to achieve this goal.



(8) Provide a liaison to the state emergency operation center during those periods when a disaster, as defined in section 5502.21 of the Revised Code, has occurred in this state and the governor has declared an emergency as defined in that section.

(B) The board may do any of the following:

(1) Investigate complaints concerning emergency medical services and emergency medical service organizations as it determines necessary;

(2) Enter into reciprocal agreements with other states that have standards for accreditation of emergency medical services training programs and for certification of first responders, EMTs-basic, EMTs-I, paramedics, firefighters, or fire safety inspectors that are substantially similar to those established under this chapter and the rules adopted under it;

(3) Establish a statewide public information system and public education programs regarding emergency medical services;

(4) Establish an injury prevention program.

(C) The state board of emergency medical, fire, and transportation services shall not regulate any profession that otherwise is regulated by another board, commission, or similar regulatory entity.