Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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BILL SUMMARY

- Permits an emergency medical service organization to authorize its paramedics to administer influenza immunizations to firefighters or emergency medical technicians.
- Requires each of the organizations to establish written protocols and training that a paramedic must follow when administering an influenza immunization.
- Requires that a paramedic, within 30 days of administering an influenza immunization, either provide notice of the immunization to the local board of health or submit the immunization administration information to the Department of Health's immunization registry.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Influenza immunizations for firefighters or emergency medical technicians

The bill permits the medical director or cooperating physician advisory board of an emergency medical service organization to authorize one or more of its emergency medical technicians (EMTs) who are paramedics to administer immunizations for influenza. Under the bill, the paramedic may administer the immunizations to either of the following:[1]

[1] R.C. 4765.391(A).

(1) A full-time paid, part-time paid, or volunteer firefighter;

(2) An EMT-basic, EMT-intermediate, or paramedic.

Each medical director or physician advisory board is required to establish written protocols and training that a paramedic must follow when administering an immunization for influenza.[2]

Not later than 30 days after administering an influenza immunization, the paramedic must do either of the following:[3]

(1) Provide notice of the immunization to the local board of health;

(2) Submit the immunization administration information to the state immunization registry maintained by the Department of Health.

HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
Introduced	06-01-11
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[2] R.C. 4765.391(B).

[3] R.C. 4765.391(C).