

HOUSE BILL No. 1426

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 16-31-3-2; IC 36-8-10.5-7.

Synopsis: Training concerning Alzheimer's disease and dementia. Requires firefighters and persons who are certified or licensed providers of emergency medical services to complete training on Alzheimer's disease and dementia.

Effective: January 1, 2026 (retroactive).

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning public safety.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 16-31-3-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.139-2023,
2 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JANUARY 1, 2026 (RETROACTIVE)]: Sec. 2. The commission shall
4 establish standards for persons required to be certified or licensed by
5 the commission to provide emergency medical services. To be certified
6 or licensed, a person must meet the following minimum requirements:

7 (1) The personnel certified or licensed under this chapter must do
8 the following:
9 (A) Meet the standards for education and training established
10 by the commission by rule.
11 (B) Successfully complete a basic or an inservice course of
12 education and training on sudden infant death syndrome that
13 is certified by the commission in conjunction with the state
14 health commissioner.
15 (C) Successfully complete a basic or an inservice course of
16 education and training on autism that is certified by the
17 commission.

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(D) Successfully complete a research based training program concerning suicide assessment, treatment, and management that is:

(i) demonstrated to be an effective or promising program; and

(ii) recommended by the Indiana Suicide Prevention Network Advisory Council.

(E) After December 31, 2024, complete basic training, which may be completed online or by other means of virtual instruction, that addresses the mental health and wellness of persons required to be licensed under this chapter, including:

- (i) healthy coping skills to preserve the mental health of persons required to be licensed under this chapter and manage the stress and trauma related to the provision of emergency medical services;

(ii) recognition of symptoms of posttraumatic stress disorder and signs of suicidal behavior; and

(iii) information on mental health resources available for persons required to be licensed under this chapter.

(F) After December 31, 2025, successfully complete a basic training, which may be completed online or by other means of virtual instruction, on Alzheimer's disease and dementia that is certified by the commission.

(2) Ambulances to be used must conform with the requirements of the commission and must either be:

(A) covered by insurance issued by a company licensed to do business in Indiana in the amounts and under the terms required in rules adopted by the commission; or

(B) owned by a governmental entity covered under IC 34-13-3.

(3) Emergency ambulance service shall be provided in accordance with rules adopted by the commission. However, the rules adopted under this chapter may not prohibit the dispatch of an ambulance to aid an emergency patient because an emergency medical technician is not immediately available to staff the ambulance.

(4) Ambulances must be equipped with a system of emergency medical communications approved by the commission. The emergency medical communication system must properly integrate and coordinate appropriate local and state emergency communications systems and reasonably available area emergency medical facilities with the general public's need for emergency medical services.



(5) Emergency medical communications shall be provided in accordance with rules adopted by the commission.

(6) A nontransporting emergency medical services vehicle must conform with the commission's requirements.

SECTION 2. IC 36-8-10.5-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.93-2024, SECTION 209, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026 (RETROACTIVE)]: Sec. 7. (a) The education board shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 establishing minimum basic training requirements for full-time firefighters and volunteer firefighters, subject to subsection (b) and section 7.5 of this chapter. The requirements must include training in the following areas:

- (1) Orientation.
- (2) Personal safety.
- (3) Forcible entry.
- (4) Ventilation.
- (5) Apparatus.
- (6) Ladders.
- (7) Self-contained breathing apparatus.
- (8) Hose loads.
- (9) Streams.
- (10) Basic recognition of special hazards.

(b) A person who fulfills the certification requirements for:

- (1) Firefighter I; or
- (2) Firefighter II;

25 is considered to comply with the requirements established under
26 subsection (a).

(c) In addition to the requirements of subsections (a), (d), and (f), the minimum basic training requirements for full-time firefighters and volunteer firefighters must include successful completion of a basic or inservice course of education and training on sudden infant death syndrome that is certified by the Indiana emergency medical services commission (created under IC 16-31-2-1) in conjunction with the state health commissioner.

(d) In addition to the requirements of subsections (a), (c), and (f), the minimum basic training requirements for full-time and volunteer firefighters must include successful completion of an instruction course on vehicle emergency response driving safety. The education board shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to operate this course.

(e) In addition to the requirements of subsections (a), (c), (d), and (f), the minimum basic training requirements for full-time and volunteer firefighters must include successful completion of a basic or inservice course of education and training in interacting with



1 individuals with autism that is certified by the Indiana emergency
2 medical services commission (created under IC 16-31-2-1).

3 (f) This subsection does not apply to volunteer firefighters. After
4 December 31, 2024, in addition to the requirements of subsections (a),
5 (c), (d), and (e), the minimum basic training requirement for full-time
6 firefighters must include training, which may be completed online or
7 by other means of virtual instruction, that addresses the mental health
8 and wellness of firefighters, including:

9 (1) healthy coping skills to preserve the mental health of
10 firefighters and to manage the stress and trauma related to
11 employment as a firefighter;

12 (2) recognition of:

13 (A) symptoms of posttraumatic stress disorder; and

14 (B) signs of suicidal behavior; and

15 (3) information on mental health resources available for
16 firefighters.

17 (g) **In addition to the requirements of subsections (a), (c), (d),
18 (e), and (f), the minimum basic training requirements for full-time
19 and volunteer firefighters must include successful completion of a
20 basic or inservice course of education and training in interacting
21 with individuals with Alzheimer's disease and dementia that is
22 certified by the Indiana emergency medical services commission
23 created by IC 16-31-2-1.**

24 (g) (h) The education board may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2
25 concerning the adoption of the most current edition of the following
26 National Fire Protection Association standards, subject to amendment
27 by the board:

28 (1) NFPA 472.

29 (2) NFPA 1001.

30 (3) NFPA 1002.

31 (4) NFPA 1003.

32 (5) NFPA 1006.

33 (6) NFPA 1021.

34 (7) NFPA 1031.

35 (8) NFPA 1033.

36 (9) NFPA 1035.

37 (10) NFPA 1041.

38 (11) NFPA 1521.

39 (12) NFPA 1670.

40 SECTION 3. **An emergency is declared for this act.**

