

ASSEMBLY THIRD READING

AB 2041 (Carrillo)

As Amended May 18, 2026

Majority vote

SUMMARY

Requires, on or before January 31, 2027, a public safety agency that provides "911" call processing services that was not providing prearrival instructions to "911" callers pursuant to existing law to report to their local EMS agency the status of their compliance.

Major Provisions**COMMENTS**

1) *Recent Updates to 9-1-1 Technical and Operational Standards.* This bill proposes to establish a compliance mechanism, under the administration of CalOES, for recently passed legislation relating to the 911 system. Existing law enacted pursuant to AB 635 Carrillo (Chapter 275, Statutes of 2025) requires that, by January 1, 2027, a public safety agency that provides 911 call processing to provide prearrival medical instructions to 911 callers requiring medical assistance for the following, at minimum: airway and choking instructions, automatic external defibrillator (AED) and CPR instructions, childbirth, bleeding control and hemorrhage, administration of epinephrine for anaphylaxis, and administration of naloxone for narcotics overdoses. The rationale for implementing these prearrival medical instructions was to increase the likelihood of survival of patients. These prearrival medical instructions are to be approved by the local emergency medical services agency (LEMSA) medical director. *Under the current version of the bill, a public safety agency that was not in compliance with existing law would be required to report their status to their local EMS agency.*

A prior version of the bill proposed to leverage state funding as a compliance mechanism, but those provisions have been amended out and replaced with the current version.

2) *This bill requires reporting of non-compliance; then what? This bill would require a public safety agency that was not in compliance with existing law related to 911 prearrival instructions to notify the local emergency medical services agency about their status of noncompliance. While such a requirement would provide greater awareness to the LEMSA about noncompliance, the bill does not specify what the LEMSA ought to do with that information. For example, would the LEMSA be required to proactively disclose that information to the public or state regulators? Presumably not. It is possible then that the LEMSA may not report information to the state, and therefore this bill may not lead to greater statewide awareness about compliance with state law. As the bill moves forward, the author may wish to consider whether there is also value to requiring a LEMSA to also share the information with the public, state regulators, or the Legislature.*

According to the Author

"In medical emergencies such as cardiac arrest or choking, immediate bystander intervention before first responders arrive can mean the difference between life and death. The American Heart Association reports that prompt CPR can double or even triple a person's chances of

survival following cardiac arrest. By investing in these proven, lifesaving practices, we can better equip everyday Californians with the guidance they need to act in those first critical moments."

Arguments in Support

According to the California Ambulance Association: "Last year, AB 645 addressed [a] challenge by requiring public safety dispatchers to provide life-saving pre-arrival instructions. With this requirement in place, dispatchers can guide callers through critical interventions such as CPR or the Heimlich maneuver, increasing survival rates. While the passage of AB 645 set the framework for critical life-saving measures, AB 2041 is equally as important to ensure that all public safety dispatch agencies comply with these new requirements."

Arguments in Opposition

No opposition listed for this version of the bill

FISCAL COMMENTS

According to the Assembly Appropriations Committee, costs to CalOES should be minor and absorbable.

VOTES

ASM COMMUNICATIONS AND CONVEYANCE: 8-0-1

YES: Boerner, Hoover, Bonta, Caloza, Krell, Lowenthal, Rogers, Blanca Rubio

ABS, ABST OR NV: Sanchez

ASM EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: 7-0-0

YES: Ransom, Hadwick, Arambula, Bains, Bennett, Calderon, DeMaio

ASM APPROPRIATIONS: 12-0-3

YES: Wicks, Bauer-Kahan, Calderon, Caloza, Ellis, Fong, Mark González, Krell, Pacheco, Pellerin, Sharp-Collins, Solache

ABS, ABST OR NV: Hoover, Ta, Tangipa

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