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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1373

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW TO REQUIRE THAT PERSONNEL OF  
10 PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINTS OR DISPATCH CENTERS  
11 THAT OFFER PRE-ARRIVAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR EMERGENCY  
12 MEDICAL CONDITIONS BE TRAINED IN TELEPHONE CPR; AND  
13 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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27 SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. LEGISLATIVE INTENT.

28 The General Assembly finds that:

29 (1) Over three hundred sixty-six thousand (366,000) people  
30 annually experience an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest across the nation;

31 (2) If cardiopulmonary resuscitation begins before the arrival  
32 of emergency medical service personnel, a person in cardiac arrest has a two  
33 (2) to three (3) times higher likelihood of survival; and

34 (3) Initial information suggests an increased number of out-of-  
35 hospital cardiac arrest instances associated with coronavirus 2019 (COVID-  
36 19).



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2           SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 12, Chapter 10, Subchapter 3, is  
3 amended to add a new section to read as follows:

4           12-10-329. Telephone cardiopulmonary resuscitation – Definition –  
5 Rules.

6           (a) As used in this section, "telephone cardiopulmonary resuscitation"  
7 means the delivery of compression or ventilation instructions to callers who  
8 are reporting suspected cases of out-of-hospital cardiac arrest.

9           (b) The staff and supervisors of a public safety answering point or  
10 dispatch center shall be trained in telephone cardiopulmonary resuscitation  
11 if the public safety answering point or dispatch center offers pre-arrival  
12 instructions for emergency medical conditions.

13           (c) The training required in subsection (b) of this section shall:

14                   (1) Use protocols and scripts based on evidence-based and  
15 nationally recognized guidelines for telephone cardiopulmonary resuscitation;  
16 and

17                   (2) Include without limitation:

18                           (A) Recognition protocols for out-of-hospital cardiac  
19 arrest;

20                           (B) Compression-only cardiopulmonary resuscitation  
21 instructions; and

22                           (C) Continuing education.

23           (d)(1) A caller may decline to receive instruction on telephone  
24 cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

25                   (2) If a caller declines instruction under subdivision (d)(1) of  
26 this section, the staff and supervisors of a public safety answering point or  
27 dispatch center are not required to provide the instruction.

28           (e) The Division of Law Enforcement Standards and Training may assess  
29 a fee on a private safety agency invited to attend training or receive  
30 instruction under this section to reimburse the division for costs associated  
31 with the training or instruction.

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36   /s/A. Collins