

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 4796-04
Bill No.: SCS for SB 1044
Subject: Ambulance Districts: Staffing
Type: Original
Date: March 7, 2008

Bill Summary: Modifies provisions regarding minimum ambulance staffing for ambulances staffed with volunteers.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.
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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0

- Estimated Total Net Effect on All funds expected to exceed \$100,000 savings or (cost).
- Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund expected to exceed \$100,000 (cost).

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
Local Government	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Oversight sent response request to several ambulance districts, but due to timing, none have responded.

Officials of the **Department of Health and Senior Services** assume no fiscal impact.

Oversight assumes that ambulance districts that are currently staffing their ambulance calls with volunteers could realize and increase in costs of having at least one of the staff to be an emergency technician, and one other member who may be a licensed emergency medical technician, registered nurse, physician, or someone who has a first responder certification.

Oversight assumes there could be some costs to ambulance districts whose boards would establish requirements that the other attendant meet certain qualifications allowed in this proposal and will show fiscal impact as either a \$0 for those districts that currently exceed state requirements, to a negative unknown for those districts that elect to increase staffing qualifications. Annual costs to ambulance districts, on a statewide basis, is indeterminable.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2009 (10 Mo.)	FY 2010	FY 2011
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2009 (10 Mo.)	FY 2010	FY 2011
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COUNTY OR CITY AMBULANCE DISTRICTS

<u>Costs</u> - To Ambulance Districts From staffing qualifications.	<u>\$0 or</u> (Unknown)	<u>\$0 or</u> (Unknown)	<u>\$0 or</u> (Unknown)
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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT	<u>\$0 or</u> (Unknown)	<u>\$0 or</u> (Unknown)	<u>\$0 or</u> (Unknown)
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FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

Small ambulance businesses that use volunteer staffing on ambulance calls could expect to have costs from hiring qualified staff to be in compliance with staffing requirements.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

Under current law, each ground ambulance is required to be staffed with at least two licensed individuals when transporting a patient, except for certain counties which are allowed to have only one licensed emergency medical technician, registered nurse or physician in attendance. This act amends current law to allow this exception for any ambulance licensed in the state staffed with volunteers. A volunteer is defined as an individual who performs hours of service without promise, expectation or receipt of compensation for services rendered, except for a nominal stipend per call to compensate for fuel, uniforms, and training.

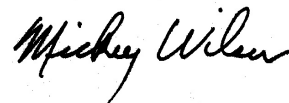
This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Health and Senior Services

NOT RESPONDING

Central St. Louis County Fire & Rescue
St. Charles County Ambulance District
Taney County Ambulance District
Valley Ambulance District



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