

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 4804-04  
Bill No.: HCS for SCS for SB 1039  
Subject: Emergency Services Board: Christian County  
Type: Original  
Date: April 9, 2008

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Bill Summary: This bill modifies provisions regarding minimum ambulance staffing for ambulances staffed with volunteers, and requires Christian County Commission to appoint an emergency services board.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

| <b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>       |            |            |            |
|---|------------|------------|------------|
| FUND AFFECTED   | FY 2009    | FY 2010    | FY 2011    |
|   |            |            |            |
|   |            |            |            |
| <b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund</b> | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$0</b> |

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

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.  
This fiscal note contains 6 pages.

| <b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>                  |                |                |                |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>FUND AFFECTED</b>  | <b>FY 2009</b> | <b>FY 2010</b> | <b>FY 2011</b> |
|   |                |                |                |
|   |                |                |                |
| <b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b> | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>\$0</b>     |

| <b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)</b> |                |                |                |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>FUND AFFECTED</b>                                      | <b>FY 2009</b> | <b>FY 2010</b> | <b>FY 2011</b> |
|   |                |                |                |
|   |                |                |                |
| <b>Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE</b>                  | <b>0</b>       | <b>0</b>       | <b>0</b>       |

- 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).

| <b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b> |                             |                             |                             |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>FUND AFFECTED</b>                       | <b>FY 2009</b>              | <b>FY 2010</b>              | <b>FY 2011</b>              |
| <b>Local Government</b>                    | <b>Unknown to (Unknown)</b> | <b>Unknown to (Unknown)</b> | <b>Unknown to (Unknown)</b> |

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## FISCAL ANALYSIS

### ASSUMPTION

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

#### **Section 190.094 - Ambulance Staffing:**

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 elect to 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

#### **Section 190.335 - Sales Tax for Emergency Dispatching in Christian County:**

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

Officials of the **Christian County Sheriff's Office** assume no fiscal impact to their office unless a sales tax were approved by the voters of Christian County.

Officials of the **Nixa Fire Protection District** assume this proposal would unify Christian County under one 911 emergency system. Officials stated that there is the Nixa 911 system and the Christian County 911 system. Officials stated that this proposal if adopted would allow for a sales tax to be adopted, which under their present system of donating funds for operation of emergency services, would save the fire district at least \$85,000 or more annually. Officials stated that under this proposal the County Commission appoints the initial board which would have seven members, of which at least one member would be the head of any one of the county's

ASSUMPTION (continued)

fire protection districts, one would be the head of the county’s ambulance district, one would be the County Sheriff, one would be the head of anyone of the county’s police departments, and the head of any of the county’s emergency management organizations. These members would automatically be the board regardless of who holds the position listed. Under the current system the board would be elected from various areas of the county. Officials assume this would save some cost of holding elections for board members.

**Oversight** assumes no state fiscal impact.

**Oversight** assumes Section 190.335 of this proposal allows for an alternative way of establishing a 911 emergency services system. This proposal as written does not require a sales tax to be established for operation of the system; however, it does allow the people of Christian County to vote for a sales tax for the operation of the system. Based on statements from officials of the **Nixa Fire Protection District**, this proposal would provide savings to their district but only if the sales tax were adopted by the voters. **Oversight** assumes current law provides for a sales tax.

**Oversight** will show savings due to the elimination of board member elections if this proposal were adopted. Current law provides that once the initial board has been appointed by the County Commission, the appointment would be good for a length of time, then elections would be required.

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|---|---------------------|---------|---------|
| <u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u> | FY 2009<br>(10 Mo.) | FY 2010 | FY 2011 |
|---|---------------------|---------|---------|

|  |            |            |            |
|--|------------|------------|------------|
|  | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> |
|--|------------|------------|------------|

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|---|---------------------|---------|---------|
| <u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u> | FY 2009<br>(10 Mo.) | FY 2010 | FY 2011 |
|---|---------------------|---------|---------|

**CHRISTIAN COUNTY 911  
 EMERGENCY SERVICES BOARD**

|  |         |         |         |
|--|---------|---------|---------|
| <u>Savings</u> - To Christian County 911<br>Emergency Services Board<br>from election costs. (Section 190.335) | Unknown | Unknown | Unknown |
|--|---------|---------|---------|

| <u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u><br>(continued)                                  | FY 2009<br>(10 Mo.)                                     | FY 2010   | FY 2011   |
|---|---|---|---|
| <br>COUNTY OR CITY AMBULANCE<br>DISTRICTS   |   |   |   |
| Costs - To Ambulance Districts<br>From staffing qualifications. (Section<br>190.094) ** | <u>\$0 or</u><br><u>(Unknown)</u>                       | <u>\$0 or</u><br><u>(Unknown)</u>                       | <u>\$0 or</u><br><u>(Unknown)</u>                       |
| <br><b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT TO<br/>LOCAL GOVERNMENT</b>                                 | <br><b><u>Unknown to</u></b><br><b><u>(Unknown)</u></b> | <br><b><u>Unknown to</u></b><br><b><u>(Unknown)</u></b> | <br><b><u>Unknown to</u></b><br><b><u>(Unknown)</u></b> |

**\* Based on statements from the Nixa Fire Protection District, there could be additional fiscal impact; however, a sales tax would have to be approved by the voters. Oversight is not able to determine if a sales tax would be adopted.**

**\*\* Costs would depend upon actions of the Ambulance Board of Directors who would determine the qualifications of volunteer staff. Oversight assumes this Section is permissive.**

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

Oversight assumes if a 911 emergency services sales tax were adopted by the voters of Christian County, small business would be expected to collect, disburse, account for, and pay the sales tax. Current law provides for a voter approved sales tax.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

Section 190.094 - 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.

DESCRIPTION (continued)

Section 190.335 - This section requires Christian County, upon voter approval of a county sales tax for central dispatching of emergency services, to appoint a seven-member board including the heads of any of the county's fire protection districts, any of the county's ambulance districts, any of the police departments in the county, any of the county's emergency management organizations, and the County Sheriff, or their respective designee, to administer the funds and oversee the provision of emergency services.

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  
Christian County Sheriff  
Nixa Fire Protection District

NOT RESPONDING

Christian County Commission  
Ozark Fire Protection District  
Sparta Fire Protection District



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