

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 5721-01
Bill No.: SB 870
Subject: Ambulances and Ambulance Districts; Emergencies; Health Care; Health Care Professionals; Department of Health and Senior Services; Medical Procedures and Personnel; Mental Health
Type: Original
Date: February 5, 2018

Bill Summary: This proposal modifies provisions of law relating to emergency medical services.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

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

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0

Estimated Net Effect (expenditures or reduced revenues) expected to exceed \$100,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials at the **St. Louis County Police Department (STLPD)** assume this bill would require the STLPD to complete Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) with all local Fire Departments. This feat would cost significant man hours to develop the MOU, have them revised by legal counsel, have them mailed to each Fire Department, and have them returned and signed by Police Department personnel.

The STLPD would also have to modify policy, which again, would require man hours to complete and at least 1 hour of training for all staff, both commissioned and professional staff. The average hourly pay for a St. Louis County Police Department employee is \$46.10. There are currently 1206 employees. The cost for one hour of training would be \$55,596.60. There would be a \$50 an hour cost to develop the training that would take approximately 2 hours of development. The passage of this bill would cost, at minimum, \$55,696.60. This cost does not include the development and approval of all MOUs.

Additionally, this bill is similar to HB 1919, where St. Louis County Police Department expressed concern over the possible increase in cost from taking additional assault reports and searching for homicidal/suicidal subjects who have fled.

Oversight assumes that the STLPD is provided with core funding for training employees to handle a certain amount of activity each year. Oversight believes the training referred to above is currently apart of the employees' duties. Oversight also assumes if multiple MOUs are needed for various fire departments with the STLPD, then a basic MOU could be written and adjustments could be made as needed with the various fire departments. Oversight assumes the STLPD could absorb the costs related to this proposal.

Officials at the **Department of Health and Senior Services** and the **Office of Administration's Administrative Hearing Commission** each assume no fiscal impact to their respective agencies from this proposal.

Officials at the **Boone County Sheriff's Department**, the **Springfield Police Department** and the **St. Louis County Department of Justice Services** each assume no fiscal impact to their respective entities from this proposal.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

Officials from the following **law enforcement agencies**: the Ashland Police Chief, Branson Police Department, Buchanan County Sheriff’s Department, Cass County Sheriff’s Office, Clark County Sheriff’s Department, Clay County Sheriff’s Department, Cole County Sheriff’s Department, Columbia Police Department, Franklin County Sheriff’s Department, Greene County Sheriff’s Department, Independence Police Department, Jackson County Sheriff’s Department, Jasper County Sheriff’s Department, Jefferson City Police Department, Jefferson County Sheriff’s Department, Joplin Police Department, Lawrence County Sheriff’s Department, Platte County Sheriff’s Department, St. Charles Police Department, St. Joseph Police Department and the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department did not respond to **Oversight’s** request for a statement of fiscal impact.

Officials from the following **fire protection districts**: Battlefield Fire Protection District, Central County Fire and Rescue, Centralia Fire Department, Creve Coeur Fire District, DeSoto Rural Fire Protection District, Eureka Fire Protection, Hawk Point Fire Protection District, Hillsboro Fire Protection District, Jefferson County 911 Dispatch, Lake St. Louis Fire District, Mehlville Fire District, Nixa Fire Protection District, Saline Valley Fire Protection District, Southern Iron County Fire Protection District, and St. Charles County Dispatch and Alarm did not respond to **Oversight’s** request for a statement of fiscal impact.

Officials from the following **ambulance districts**: Jefferson County 911 Dispatch, St. Charles County Ambulance District, Taney County Ambulance District and Valle Ambulance District, did not respond to **Oversight’s** request for a statement of fiscal impact.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2019 (10 Mo.)	FY 2020	FY 2021
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2019 (10 Mo.)	FY 2020	FY 2021
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

Under this act, any emergency services district or 911 call center providing emergency or dispatch services shall be entitled to a reimbursement from a special allocation fund. An ambulance district board, fire protection board, or emergency services board shall set the reimbursement rate prior to the time an assessment is paid into the fund. If a redevelopment plan, area, or project is amended by ordinance or other means, the board shall have the right to recalculate the base year and the refund amount.

This act changes the term "emergency medical technician-intermediate" to "advanced emergency medical technician".

This act requires the state EMS medical director to be elected by the members of the regional EMS medical director's advisory committee, to serve a four-year term, and to coordinate EMS services between the EMS regions, as well as to promote educational efforts for agency medical directors, represent Missouri EMS nationally, and incorporate the EMS system into Missouri's health care system.

Under this act, emergency medical technicians and paramedics shall only perform medical procedures as directed by treatment protocols approved by the regional medical director or as authorized through direct communication with online medical control.

Additionally, this act modifies education, training, and accreditation requirements for emergency medical technicians and paramedics. Paramedic training programs shall be accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) or hold a CAAHEP letter of review.

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This act provides that emergency medical technician paramedics (EMT-Ps) who have completed certain training, received authorization, and whose ambulance service has adopted certain protocols may make a good faith determination that certain behavioral health patients must be placed in a temporary hold for transport to the nearest appropriate facility.

This act also specifies that the EMT-Ps who have made such determinations shall no longer rely on the common law doctrine of implied consent and are not to be held civilly liable nor be considered to have waived certain specified defenses if employed by a government employer.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION (continued)

Any ambulance services adopting the authority and protocols under this act shall have a memorandum of understanding with local law enforcement agencies to achieve a collaborative and coordinated response to patients displaying a likelihood of serious harm to themselves or others or significant incapacitation by alcohol or drugs.

Under current law, licensed EMS providers who are the subjects of disciplinary investigations are instructed that they are not entitled to have holders of certain certificates, permits, or licenses present at an interview. This act removes this prohibition against holders of certain certificates, permits, or licenses. Additionally, the act provides that the Administrative Hearing Commission shall hear all relevant evidence on remediation activities of the licensee and shall make a recommendation to the Department of Health and Senior Services as to licensure disposition based on such evidence.

Finally, this act provides that any information regarding the physical or mailing address, phone number, fax number, or email address of a licensed ambulance service or certified training entity shall not be considered confidential.

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

St. Louis County Police Department
Department of Health and Senior Services
Office of Administration
 Administrative Hearing Commission
Boone County Sheriff's Department
Springfield Police Department
St. Louis County Department of Justice Services

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