

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 0565S.02P
 Bill No.: Perfected SS for SB 7
 Subject: Emergencies; Ambulances and Ambulance Districts; Department of Health and Senior Services; Health Care; Health Care Professionals; Boards, Commissions, Committees, and Councils
 Type: Original
 Date: February 6, 2025

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

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0

- Estimated Net Effect (expenditures or reduced revenues) expected to exceed \$250,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act or at full implementation of the act.
- Estimated Net Effect (savings or increased revenues) expected to exceed \$250,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act or at full implementation of the act.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Oversight was unable to receive some of the agency responses in a timely manner due to the short fiscal note request time. Oversight has presented this fiscal note on the best current information that we have or on prior year information regarding a similar bill. Upon the receipt of agency responses, Oversight will review to determine if an updated fiscal note should be prepared and seek the necessary approval to publish a new fiscal note.

§§ 190.053, 190.076, 190.109, 190.112 and 190.166 - Emergency medical services

Officials from the **Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS)** state Section 190.053.2 of the proposed legislation requires ambulance district board members to complete three hours of continuing education training for each term of office. Training shall be offered by a statewide association or program approved by the State Advisory Council on Emergency Medical Services. This will require the Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS), Division of Regulation and Licensure's (DRL) Bureau of Emergency Medical Services (BEMS) to verify ambulance district board member training records through the licensure application review process and during inspections.

The proposed legislation modifies provisions relating to emergency medical services. Sections 190.109.6(12) and 190.109.6(13) require the Department of Health and Senior Services, Bureau of Emergency Medical Services (BEMS) to promulgate rules related to the requirements for a ground ambulance service license including "participation with regional emergency medical services advisory committees" and "ambulance service administrator qualifications."

Section 190.112 requires licensed ambulance services to identify an individual to DHSS who will serve as the ambulance service administrator responsible for ambulance service operations and staffing. Additionally, the identified administrator is required to complete 40 initial training hours and two hours of continuing education annually related to the operations of an ambulance service. Training shall be offered by a statewide association or program approved by the State Advisory Council on Emergency Medical Services. Individuals serving as an ambulance service administrator as of August 28, 2025, will have until January 1, 2026, to demonstrate compliance with these provisions. This will require BEMS to verify training records through the licensure application review process for the individual administrator and the ambulance service, as well as during inspections of the ambulance service.

Section 190.166.3 of the proposed legislation requires the department to "provide notice of any determination by the department of insolvency or insufficiency of operations of a license holder to other license holders operating in the license holder's vicinity, members of the general assembly who represent the license holder's service area, the governing officials of any county or

municipal entity in the license holder's service area, the appropriate regional emergency medical services advisory committee, and the state advisory council on emergency medical services.” The BEMS has the ability to mail or email a notice to all entities required by this section.

Section 190.166.4 of the proposed legislation requires the department to “immediately engage with other license holders in the area to determine the extent to which ground ambulance service may be provided to the affected service area during the time in which the license holder is unable to provide adequate services, including any long-term service arrangements.”

It is assumed that the Department can absorb the costs of this bill with current resources. However, if the workload significantly increased or other legislation was enacted, additional resources would be requested through the appropriation process.

Oversight does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight assumes DHSS will be able to perform any additional duties required by this proposal with current staff and resources and will reflect no fiscal impact to DHSS for fiscal note purposes.

In response to a previous version, officials from the **Department of Public Safety – Division of Fire Safety**, the **Department of Social Services** and the **City of Kansas City** assumed the proposal would have no fiscal impact on their respective organizations. **Oversight** does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a zero impact in the fiscal note for these agencies.

Senate Amendment 1 - § 537.038 - Modifies the immunity from liability for care or assistance rendered in emergency

In response to similar legislation from the current session (SB 521), officials from the **Attorney General’s Office** and the **Office of the State Courts Administrator** each assumed the proposal would have no fiscal impact on their respective organizations. **Oversight** does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a zero impact in the fiscal note for these agencies for this section.

Senate Amendment 3 – § 197.135 - Specialty hospital forensic examinations of victims of sexual offenses

Officials from the **Department of Health and Senior Services** state Section 197.135.7 of the proposed legislation exempts specialty hospitals from Sections 192.2520 and 197.135, RSMo, which set forth the mandatory forensic exams and evidence collection for sexual assaults and being part of the Sexual Assault Network tele-reporting. Specialty hospitals would be exempt only if they have a policy to transfer those patients to an acute care hospital with an Emergency Department. The Division of Regulation and Licensure’s (DRL) Section for Health Standards and Licensure (HSL) is responsible for conducting inspections of hospitals. Should the proposed legislation become law, HSL would make review of this policy part of the inspection protocol.

Adding this component to inspection protocol would be within the normal ebb and flow of work scope.

It is assumed that the Department can absorb the costs of this bill with current resources. However, if the workload significantly increased or other legislation was enacted, additional resources would be requested through the appropriation process.

Oversight does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight assumes DHSS will be able to perform any additional duties required by this proposal with current staff and resources and will reflect no fiscal impact to DHSS for fiscal note purposes.

Responses regarding the proposed legislation as a whole

Officials from the **Department of Social Services** assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their organization. **Oversight** does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a zero impact in the fiscal note for this agency.

Oversight only reflects the responses received from state agencies and political subdivisions; however, other cities, county officials, fire protection districts and ambulance districts were requested to respond to this proposed legislation but did not. A listing of political subdivisions included in the Missouri Legislative Information System (MOLIS) database is available upon request.

Rule Promulgation

Officials from the **Joint Committee on Administrative Rules** assume this proposal is not anticipated to cause a fiscal impact beyond its current appropriation.

In response to a previous version, officials from the **Office of the Secretary of State (SOS)** noted many bills considered by the General Assembly include provisions allowing or requiring agencies to submit rules and regulations to implement the act. The SOS is provided with core funding to handle a certain amount of normal activity resulting from each year's legislative session. The fiscal impact for this fiscal note to the SOS for Administrative Rules is less than \$5,000. The SOS recognizes that this is a small amount and does not expect that additional funding would be required to meet these costs. However, the SOS also recognizes that many such bills may be passed by the General Assembly in a given year and that collectively the costs may be in excess of what the office can sustain with its core budget. Therefore, the SOS reserves the right to request funding for the cost of supporting administrative rules requirements should the need arise based on a review of the finally approved bills signed by the governor.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – State Government</u>	FY 2026 (10 Mo.)	FY 2027	FY 2028
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – Local Government</u>	FY 2026 (10 Mo.)	FY 2027	FY 2028
	<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.

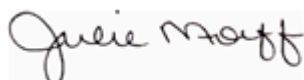
FISCAL DESCRIPTION

The proposed legislation appears to have no direct fiscal impact.

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

Attorney General’s Office
 Department of Health and Senior Services
 Department of Public Safety – Division of Fire Safety
 Department of Social Services
 Joint Committee on Administrative Rules
 Office of the Secretary of State
 Office of the State Courts Administrator
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