

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 5215S.04P
Bill No.: Perfected SS for SB 975
Subject: Ambulances and Ambulance Districts
Type: Original
Date: February 25, 2026

Bill Summary: This proposal modifies provisions relating to ambulance districts.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
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 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
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 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
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.

§§190.050-190.052, 190.070 and 190.090 – Elections, Consolidations and Annexations for Ambulance Districts

In response to a previous version, officials from the **Department of Health and Senior Services** and the **Office of the Secretary of State** each assumed the proposal will 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.

In response to a previous version, officials from the **Platte County Board of Elections** and the **St. Louis City Board of Elections** each assumed the proposal will 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.

In response to a previous version, officials from the **Eastern Clay Ambulance District** assumed the proposal will have a fiscal impact but did not provide any additional information.

In response to similar legislation, HB 1541 (2025), officials from the **Jackson County Election Board** assumed 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 assumes this proposal is codifying in statute how the election for ambulance district directors and ambulance district consolidations and annexations shall be established within the state. Oversight assumes this proposal relates to procedural changes within statute and will have no fiscal impact.

§190.098 - Community Paramedic Services (Senate Amendment 1)

Officials from the **Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS)** state the following:

§190.098.1 of the proposed legislation defines community paramedic services as services that are provided by any entity that: employs licensed paramedics who are certified as community paramedics by the department; and has received an endorsement by the department as a community paramedic service entity; provided in a nonemergent setting, independent of a 911

system or emergency summons; consistent with the training and education, as well as within the scope of skill and practice, of the personnel and with the supervisory standard approved by the medical director; and reflected and documented in the entity's patient care plans or protocols approved by the medical director in accordance with §190.142.

§190.098.4 of the proposed legislation requires any ambulance service that seeks to provide community paramedic services outside of its ambulance service area, as described in §190.105 and administered by the department, and in the service area of another ambulance service that currently provides community paramedic services shall be required to have a memorandum of understanding with that ambulance service regarding the provision of such community paramedic services. An ambulance service that provides community paramedic services may provide community paramedic services without a memorandum of understanding in the ambulance service area of an ambulance service that is not providing community paramedic services, but the ambulance service providing community paramedic services shall provide notification to the ambulance service with emergency service responsibilities in the service area of the general community paramedic activities being performed. Any emergency medical response agency seeking to provide community paramedic services within its designated response service area may do so if the ground ambulance service covering the area within which the emergency medical response agency is located does not provide community paramedic services. If such ground ambulance service does provide community paramedic services, the ground ambulance service may establish, at its sole discretion, a memorandum of understanding with the emergency medical response agency planning to offer community paramedic services in order to coordinate programs and avoid service duplication. If an emergency medical response agency is providing community paramedic services in a service area before the ground ambulance service in that service area begins offering community paramedic services, the emergency medical response agency and the ground ambulance service shall establish a memorandum of understanding for the coordination of services. A community paramedic program shall notify the appropriate local ambulance service when providing services within the service area of an ambulance service.

Currently, Division of Regulation and Licensure's Bureau of Emergency Medical Services (BEMS) licenses community paramedics that have completed the required program and can provide training certificates. The proposed legislation would require the BEMS to create a new type of license to issue a five-year endorsement to businesses and entities that employ and use community paramedics. Any newly established business or entity using community paramedics would be required to obtain this endorsement and existing ground ambulances that use community paramedics would have to apply and get a new endorsement, separate from their ground ambulance service license, to be renewed every five (5) years. It is assumed there will be less than 10 community paramedic services endorsements issued.

§190.098.4(4) of the proposed legislation states the department shall establish regulations for the purpose of recognizing community paramedic service entities that have met the standards necessary to provide community paramedic services, including physician medical oversight, training, patient record keeping, formal relationships with primary care services where necessary,

and quality improvement policies. The department shall issue an endorsement to any community paramedic service entity that meets such standards that allows the entity to provide community paramedic services for a period of five years.

The Bureau of Emergency Medical Services (BEMS) will be responsible for the establishment of rules and regulations. It is estimated that it will take one (1) Regulatory Compliance Manager (salary \$89,712) approximately 1,040 hours to make the required changes. Based on 2,080 working hours per year, this would require 0.5 FTE (1,040 hours ÷ 2,080 hours per year) to accomplish these duties for a total personal service cost of \$44,856 (\$89,712 x 0.5).

It is assumed that the DHSS 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 assumes DHSS is provided with core funding to handle a certain amount of activity each year. Oversight assumes DHSS could absorb the costs related to this proposal. If multiple bills pass which require additional staffing and duties at substantial costs, DHSS could request funding through the appropriation process. Officials from the DHSS assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their organization.

§190.165 – Suspension or Revocation of Licenses (Senate Amendment 1)

Oversight assumes this amendment is clarifying language to codify in statute and will have no fiscal impact on the proposal.

§590.192 – Critical Incident Stress Management Program (Senate Amendment 1)

Oversight assumes this amendment gives another option to satisfy the requirement under subsection 2 and will have no fiscal impact on the proposal.

§190.090 – Consolidations for Ambulance Districts (Senate Amendment 2)

Oversight assumes this amendment removes subsection 13 from §190.090 and will not have a fiscal impact on the proposal.

Responses regarding the proposed legislation as a whole, as amended

Officials from the **Department of Public Safety - Office of the Director, City of Kansas City, St. Louis County Board of Elections, Branson Police Department, Kansas City Police Department** and the **State Tax Commission** each assume the proposal will 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.

Oversight only reflects the responses that we have received from state agencies and political subdivisions; however, other cities, local election authorities, counties, local law enforcement, fire protection districts and ambulance districts were requested to respond to this proposed legislation but did not. Upon the receipt of additional 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. A general listing of political subdivisions included in our database is available upon request.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – State Government</u>	FY 2027 (10 Mo.)	FY 2028	FY 2029
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – Local Government</u>	FY 2027 (10 Mo.)	FY 2028	FY 2029
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT – Small Business

No direct fiscal impact on 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

Department of Health and Senior Services
 Office of the Secretary of State
 Department of Public Safety - Office of the Director
 City of Kansas City
 Jackson County Election Board
 Platte County Board of Elections
 St. Louis City Board of Elections
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