

Fiscal Estimate - 2015 Session

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LRB Number 15-2224/1	Introduction Number SB-143
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Description
 Ambulance staffing by emergency medical technicians and first responders

Fiscal Effect

State:

<input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate	<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues	
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations		<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs
<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations		
<input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations		

Local:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs		5. Types of Local Government Units Affected <input type="checkbox"/> Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Cities <input type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others <input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts
<input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate		
1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs	3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue	
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	
2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs	4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue	
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	

Fund Sources Affected	Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations
<input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS	

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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under current law, if a sick, disabled or injured individual is transported by ambulance, the ambulance must be staffed by either two emergency medical technicians (EMTs), licensed registered nurses, licensed physician assistants or physicians, or any combination thereof, or one emergency medical technician plus one individual with a training permit issued by the Department. The Department has promulgated administrative rules regarding staffing of ambulances at various ambulance service levels.

Under SB 143, an ambulance may transport a sick, disabled, or injured individual when staffed with one EMT and one first responder. If the bill is enacted, DHS would need to modify its administrative rules to allow a basic, intermediate, or intermediate technician-level ambulance to be staffed with one EMT at the level of the ambulance service and one individual who holds a credential at the first responder level or higher.

The Department will need to dedicate resources to complete necessary rule changes, but this can be completed with existing staff. This bill will not have a fiscal impact on local health departments.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications