

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	21-0719/1	Introduction Number	SB-088	Estimate Type	Original
Description emergency medical services funding assistance and making an appropriation					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Current law requires the Department of Health Services to distribute funding for emergency medical services to ambulance service providers that are public agencies, volunteer fire departments, or nonprofit corporations to assist in paying for training and examinations for emergency medical technicians and emergency medical responders, ambulances, equipment, or supplies. Each eligible ambulance service provider receives a base amount of funding plus a supplemental amount based on the population of the ambulance service provider's primary service or contract area. Applicants must submit the application form, the population verification form, and an expense report of the prior year's FAP funding and all three forms must be reviewed.

This bill increases the amount of funding for emergency medical services by \$239,800 GPR annually.

The funding increase provided in the bill may result in an increase in the number of providers applying for grants and the number of grant awards issued by the Department. If so, the Department's workload to review applications, issue grant awards, and manage grant contracts would increase above current staffing levels. However, because the number of additional applications is not known, the fiscal effect is indeterminate.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications