

CCS SB 503 -- EMERGENCY SERVICES

This bill involves emergency services laws. In its main provisions, the bill:

(1) Specifies that the state Emergency Medical Services (EMS) medical director shall be the chair of the State EMS Medical Director's Advisory Committee and that elected regional EMS medical directors shall be considered public officials for the purposes of sovereign immunity, official immunity, and the Missouri public duty doctrine defenses. The State EMS Medical Director's Advisory Committee shall be considered a peer review committee as specified. Regional EMS medical directors may act to provide online telecommunication medical direction to EMT-Bs, EMT-Is, EMT-Ps, and community paramedics and provide off-line medical direction per standardized treatment, triage, and transport protocols when EMS personnel, including EMT-Bs, EMT-Is, EMT-Ps, or community paramedics, are providing care to special needs patients or at the request of a local EMS agency or medical director. When developing treatment protocols for special needs patients, regional EMS medical directors may promulgate such protocols on a regional basis across multiple political subdivisions' jurisdictional boundaries. Multiple EMS agencies shall take necessary steps to follow established regional EMS protocols in cases of mass casualty or state-declared disaster incidents. When regional EMS medical directors develop and implement treatment protocols for patients or provide online medical direction for such patients, such activity shall not be construed as having usurped local medical direction authority in any manner. When regional EMS medical directors are providing either online telecommunication medical direction to EMT-Bs, EMT-Is, EMT-Ps, and community paramedics, or offline medical direction per standardized EMS treatment, triage, and transport protocols for patients, those medical directions or treatment protocols may include the administration of the patient's own prescription medications (Sections 190.103 and 190.144, RSMo);

(2) Requires the Department of Public Safety to complete a study on economical 911 service and provide a safety point answering consolidation plan to the Missouri 911 service board (Section 190.450);

(3) Changes the name of the Advisory Committee for 911 Service Oversight to the Missouri 911 Service Board and makes changes to the composition and power of such board as specified in the bill (Sections 650.330 and 650.340); and

(4) Grants the State Auditor authority to conduct performance and fiscal audits of boards, dispatch centers, joint emergency communications entities, and specified trust funds (Section 1).

This bill has an emergency clause for Section 650.330 which is necessary to obtain federal grant monies.