

SS SCS SB 725 -- GROUND AMBULANCE SERVICES

SPONSOR: Hegeman (Smith (163))

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Budget by a vote of 23 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Legislative Oversight by a vote of 6 to 0.

Currently, all members of the board of directors of an ambulance district shall complete an educational seminar or training on the role and duties of a board member of an ambulance district. This bill provides that if any ambulance district board member fails to attend a training session within 12 months of taking office regardless of whether the board member received an attendance fee for a training session, the board member shall be ineligible to run for reelection for another term of office until the member satisfies the requirement. This bill shall apply to members elected after August 28, 2022.

This provision is the same as SB 976 (2022), SB 512, and HB 1016 (2021).

Currently, each ambulance service's Ground Ambulance Reimbursement Allowance is based on the service's gross receipts. This bill repeals the use of gross receipts and requires the Department of Social Services to establish a formula in rule consistent with federal regulation relating to permissible health care related taxes for the determination of each service's reimbursement allowance.

This provision is similar to provisions of SS#2 SB 1 (2021).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill would bring us into federal compliance. CMS requires this change in order for us to maximize our allowance.

Testifying for the bill were Senator Hegeman; Ambulance District Association of Missouri; Fire Service Alliance; and the Missouri Ambulance Association.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill submitted written testimony.

Testifying on the bill was Arnie C. Dienoff.

Written testimony has been submitted for this bill. The full written testimony can be found under Testimony on the bill page on the House website.