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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 5227H.011
Bill No.: HB 2627
Subject: Emergencies; Health Care; Health Care Professionals; Department of Health and Senior Services
Type: Original
Date: February 19, 2024

Bill Summary: This proposal modifies provisions relating to community paramedic services.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
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 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
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 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

§190.098 - Community paramedic services

Officials from the **Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS)** state the proposed legislation modifies provisions relating to community paramedics and the provision of community paramedic services.

Section 190.098.1 of the proposed legislation defines community paramedic services as services that are provided by an entity that employs licensed paramedics certified by the Department of Health and Senior Services as community paramedics; has received an endorsement by the Department as a community paramedic service entity; and provides services in a nonemergent setting, consistent with the education and training of a community paramedic and the supervisory standard approved by the medical director and documented in the entity's patient care plans or protocols.

Section 190.098.3 requires any ambulance service that seeks to provide community paramedic services outside of its service area to have a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the ambulance service of that area if that ambulance service is already providing those services or shall notify the ambulance services of that area if that ambulance service is not providing community paramedic services. Emergency medical response agencies (EMRA) may provide community paramedic services in a ground ambulance service's service area. If the ground ambulance service is already providing those services or provides them after the EMRA offers them, then the EMRA and ground ambulance service shall enter into a MOU for the coordination of services.

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.

Section 190.098.3(4) requires the Department to establish regulations for the purpose of recognizing community paramedic services entities that have met the standards necessary to

provide such services. Endorsements issued to community paramedic service entities shall be valid for five (5) 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 \$95,796) 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 \$47,898 (\$95,796 * 0.5).

It is assumed that the Department 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 does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a zero impact in the fiscal note for DHSS.

Officials from the **Department of Commerce and Insurance**, the **Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development**, the **City of Kansas City**, the **City of O’Fallon** and the **Northwest Missouri State University** 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 received from state agencies and political subdivisions; however, other cities, county officials, fire protection districts, ambulance districts, hospitals and colleges were requested to respond to this proposed legislation but did not. A listing of political subdivisions included in the Missouri Legislative Information System (MOLIS) database is available upon request.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – State Government</u>	FY 2025 (10 Mo.)	FY 2026	FY 2027
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – Local Government</u>	FY 2025 (10 Mo.)	FY 2026	FY 2027
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT – Small Business

This legislation may impact small business community paramedic services in that entities shall be certified every five years.

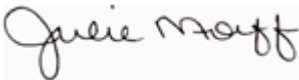
FISCAL DESCRIPTION

The proposed legislation appears to have no direct fiscal impact.

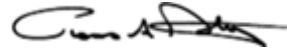
This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Commerce and Insurance
Department of Health and Senior Services
Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development
City of Kansas City
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