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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 1790H.02C
Bill No.: HCS for HB 622
Subject: Emergencies; Health Care; Health Care Professionals; Department of Health and Senior Services
Type: Original
Date: March 17, 2025

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 any entity that: employs licensed paramedics who are certified as community paramedics by the department; and has received an endorsement by the department as a community paramedic service entity; provided in a nonemergent setting, independent of a 911 system or emergency summons; consistent with the training and education, as well as within the scope of skill and practice, of the personnel and with the supervisory standard approved by the medical director; and reflected and documented in the entity's patient care plans or protocols approved by the medical director in accordance with § 190.142.

Section 190.098.4 requires Any ambulance service that seeks to provide community paramedic services outside of its ambulance service area, as described in section 190.105 and administered by the department, and in the service area of another ambulance service that currently provides community paramedic services shall be required to have a memorandum of understanding with that ambulance service regarding the provision of such community paramedic services.

An ambulance service that provides community paramedic services may provide community paramedic services without a memorandum of understanding in the ambulance service area of an ambulance service that is not providing community paramedic services, but the ambulance service providing community paramedic services shall provide notification to the ambulance service with emergency service responsibilities in the service area of the general community paramedic activities being performed. Any emergency medical response agency seeking to provide community paramedic services within its designated response service area may do so if the ground ambulance service covering the area within which the emergency medical response agency is located does not provide community paramedic services. If such ground ambulance service does provide community paramedic services, the ground ambulance service may establish, at its sole discretion, a memorandum of understanding with the emergency medical response agency planning to offer community paramedic services in order to coordinate programs and avoid service duplication. If an emergency medical response agency is providing community paramedic services in a service area before the ground ambulance service in that service area begins offering community paramedic services, the emergency medical response

agency and the ground ambulance service shall establish a memorandum of understanding for the coordination of services. A community paramedic program shall notify the appropriate local ambulance service when providing services within the service area of an ambulance service.

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 190.098.4(4) states the department shall establish regulations for the purpose of recognizing community paramedic service entities that have met the standards necessary to provide community paramedic services, including physician medical oversight, training, patient record keeping, formal relationships with primary care services where necessary, and quality improvement policies. The department shall issue an endorsement to any community paramedic service entity that meets such standards that allows the entity to provide community paramedic services for a period of five 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 \$89,712) approximately 1,040 hours to make the required changes. Based on 2,080 working hours per year, this would require 0.5 FTE ($1,040 \text{ hours} \div 2,080 \text{ hours per year}$) to accomplish these duties for a total personal service cost of \$44,856 ($\$89,712 * 0.5$).

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 assumes the DHSS will be able to perform any additional duties required by this proposal with current staff and resources and will reflect no fiscal impact to the DHSS for fiscal note purposes.

Officials from the **Department of Commerce and Insurance**, the **Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development**, the **Department of Social Services**, the **City of Kansas City**, the **City of Osceola**, and the **University of Central Missouri**, 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.

In response to a previous version, officials from **Northwest Missouri State University** assumed the proposal would have no fiscal impact on their organization. **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.

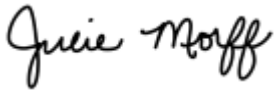
This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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

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