

HB 640 -- EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

SPONSOR: Perkins

This bill modifies training requirements for members of an ambulance district board of directors.

Board members are required to complete three hours of continuing education for each term of office. Failure to do so will result in immediate disqualification with the office remaining vacant until filled.

Each ambulance district must arrange for an audit of the district's records and accounts every three years by a certified public accountant. The audit will be made available to the public on the district's website or otherwise freely available by other electronic means.

The Department of Health and Senior Services, as a part of regulating ground ambulance service licenses, will promulgate rules regarding participation with regional emergency medical services advisory committees and ambulance service administrator qualifications.

This bill requires ambulance services to report to the Department individuals serving as ambulance service administrators. Each administrator is required to complete at least 40 hours of training regarding the operations and staffing of the ambulance service and two hours of continuing education annually, as specified in the bill.

The Department may refuse to issue, deny renewal of, or suspend a license required for ground ambulance services or take other corrective actions if the license holder is determined to be financially insolvent, has inadequate personnel for the service provided, requires an inordinate amount of mutual aid from neighboring services, has been determined to be criminally liable for actions related to the license or service provided, has been determined to be ineligible for participation in Medicare or MO HealthNet, the ambulance district administrator has failed to meet the required qualifications or training, or if three or more board members have failed to complete required training.

If the Department makes a determination of insolvency or insufficiency of services, then the Department may require the license holder to submit and complete a corrective plan, as specified in the bill.

The Department is required to provide notice of any determination of insolvency or insufficiency of services to other license holders operating in the license holder's vicinity, members of the General Assembly who represent that area, other governing officials, the appropriate regional emergency medical services advisory committee, and the State Advisory Council on Emergency Medical Services.

The Department must immediately engage with other license holders in the area to determine how ground ambulance services may be provided to the affected area during the service disruption. Assisting license holders may be compensated for the assistance as specified in the bill.

This bill is the same as SB 7 (2025) and similar to SB 1340 (2024).