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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6844 NOTE PREPARED: Dec 30, 2023

BILL NUMBER: HB 1302 BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Emergency Medical Services (EMS).

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. O'Brien BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL IMPACT: State & Local

DEDICATED FEDERAL

<u>Summary of Legislation:</u> This bill provides that not later than May 15, 2024, the county executive shall provide the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) certain information relating to each EMS provider in the county. It provides that not later than July 1, 2024, DHS shall prepare and submit a report to the General Assembly relating to the provision of EMS. The bill also urges the Legislative Council to assign to the appropriate study committee the topic of improving the provision of EMS throughout Indiana.

Effective Date: Upon passage.

<u>Explanation of State Expenditures:</u> *EMS Report* – This bill requires the Department of Homeland Security to prepare a report for the General Assembly no later than July 1, 2024. This will create a short-term workload increase for DHS, but these provisions should be able to be implemented with no additional appropriations, assuming near customary agency staffing and resource levels.

Study Topic – The Legislative Council could assign the topic to an existing interim study committee or establish a new interim study committee to study this topic during the next interim. Interim study committees operate on budgets established by the Legislative Council based on committee size. Legislative Council resolutions in the past have established budgets for interim study committees in the amount of \$13,500 per interim for committees with fewer than 16 members and \$17,500 for committees with 16 members or more. If the Legislative Council were to assign this topic to an existing committee and the committee were to have any extra meetings to address this topic, there would be additional expenditures for legislator per diem and travel reimbursement for the committee members. Any additional expenditures must be within the committee's budget.

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Explanation of State Revenues:

<u>Explanation of Local Expenditures:</u> *EMS Report* – This bill requires each county executive to provide information on EMS providers in their respective counties to DHS no later than May 15, 2024. EMS services are provided by fire departments and public hospitals as well as private entities that have been contracted through local units and healthcare providers. These requirements are within each executive's routine administrative functions and should be able to be implemented with no additional appropriations, assuming near customary staffing and resource levels.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Department of Homeland Security.

<u>Local Agencies Affected:</u> County executives; local units that provide or contract for emergency medical services.

Information Sources:

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