

**LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY
OFFICE OF FISCAL AND MANAGEMENT ANALYSIS
FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

LS 7520
BILL NUMBER: SB 505

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 17, 2025
BILL AMENDED: Feb 17, 2025

SUBJECT: Emergency Transport to Appropriate Facility.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Deery
FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: 2nd Reading - 1st House

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
X DEDICATED
X FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) The bill allows, subject to a written agreement concerning the transport of individuals, an emergency medical responder, an emergency medical technician, an advanced emergency medical technician, or a paramedic (emergency medical services personnel) to transport an individual to: (1) a health care facility; (2) a mental health facility; or (3) an urgent care facility; that can provide the individual with appropriate and necessary treatment. The bill specifies information that must be included in a written agreement.

It provides that the emergency medical services personnel may be reimbursed for transporting the individual to the facility.

Effective Date: July 1, 2025.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The bill allows reimbursement for emergency medical services personnel to transport a patient to a location other than a hospital. However, the source of the reimbursement will depend on the health care coverage of the patient and other arrangements the emergency medical services personnel have with local units or groups. If additional reimbursement occurs, costs to the state employees health plan and Medicaid could increase. Conversely, if the cost of care at one of the facilities allowed by the bill is less than the cost of an emergency department or avoids further transportation costs, cost savings may occur.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: See *Explanation of State Expenditures*.

Explanation of Local Revenues: Locally owned entities employing emergency medical services personnel could receive reimbursement depending on the health care coverage of the individual treated.

State Agencies Affected: Office of the Secretary of Family and Social Services; State Personnel Department.

Local Agencies Affected: Local units providing health care benefits; local entities employing emergency medical services personnel.

Information Sources:

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