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Fiscal Note



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Provides relative to the Recognition of Emergency Medical Services Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact ("REPLICA"). (gov sig)

Proposed law establishes the requirement for federal criminal background checks for emergency medical services personnel. Proposed law establishes the multi-state Recognition of Emergency Medical Services Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact and allows Louisiana to join for EMS personnel to obtain multi-state license privileges to practice in other compact states. Proposed law provides for criminal background checks, licensure, and education, as well as verification of licensure through a coordinated system. Proposed law requires EMS personnel leaving their home states to practice in another compact state to comply with the laws of that compact state. Proposed law provides that home states are responsible for undertaking disciplinary action against EMS personnel in violation of practice act requirements. Proposed law establishes the Interstate Commission for EMS Personnel Practice. Proposed law allows for each state to have one seat on the Interstate Commission.

EXPENDITURES	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total						

REVENUES	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	DECREASE	DECREASE	DECREASE	DECREASE	DECREASE	
Ded./Other	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law is anticipated to result in indeterminable, though likely nominal, SGR expenditure increases for the Office of Public Health, Bureau of Emergency Services (BEMS) that are anticipated to be absorbed within BEMS existing resources. Proposed law enacts the Recognition of Emergency Medical Services Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact and allows Louisiana to join for EMS personnel to obtain multi-state license privileges to practice in other compact states. Furthermore, EMS personnel domiciled in compact states with multi-state license privilege will have the ability to practice in Louisiana.

Proposed law may increase enforcement activity for BEMS. To the extent EMS personnel domiciled outside of Louisiana violate laws and/or administrative rules enforced by BEMS, the Bureau may investigate the alleged violations and recommend disciplinary measures to those nurses' home state licensing boards. Any increase in enforcement activity resulting from proposed law is indeterminable and dependent upon EMS personnel domiciled elsewhere practicing in Louisiana and committing violations during the course of practice. Because the two aforementioned factors are unknown, any expenditure increase associated with greater enforcement activity is indeterminable. However, BEMS does not anticipate a great influx of emergency personnel from outside of Louisiana as a result of proposed law, and therefore does not anticipate a significant increase in enforcement activity. As a result, BEMS states that any additional enforcement activity will likely be absorbed utilizing existing resources.

Furthermore, proposed law provides that each compact state will have one administrator appointed to the compact's Interstate Commission who will be eligible to participate in the affairs of the commission, including participation at meetings. To the extent Louisiana's administrator travels to these meetings, they will be reimbursed pursuant to state travel guidelines. BEMS anticipates funding travel expenses utilizing existing resources and budget authority.

Lastly, a provision of proposed law requiring emergency medical personnel to undergo a federal fingerprint-based background check will increase expenditures for the Dept. of Public Safety, however any costs incurred would be defrayed by a \$2 retainage on fees collected by DPS for such background checks (see Revenue Explanation). For reference, emergency medical personnel currently undergo name-based, state background checks through DPS or an authorized agent.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

The Office of Public Health, Bureau of Emergency Services (BEMS) reports that proposed law will result in an annual SGR reduction of approximately \$11,350 as a result of no longer licensing EMS personnel domiciled outside of Louisiana. Furthermore, proposed law will increase revenues for the statutorily dedicated Criminal Identification and Information (CI&I) Fund by an indeterminable amount as a result of performing federal fingerprint-based background checks for EMS personnel in addition to state name-based background checks. **(See Revenue Explanation cont. on Pg. 2)**

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For reference, fees for name-based state background checks total \$26 and fees for federal fingerprint-based background checks total \$12. Of the \$12 fee for federal background checks, DPS retains \$2 that is deposited in the CI&I Fund and forwards the balance to the federal government. Because the number of checks that DPS may perform on EMS personnel is unknown, the exact revenue increase that will accrue to the fund is indeterminable.

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