

HB 2164 -- EMS DATA

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This bill authorizes, for the purposes of conducting epidemiological studies, the Department of Health and Senior Services to collaborate with the University of Missouri School of Medicine regarding the analysis of data collected from ambulance services and emergency medical response agencies. The Department and University shall maintain the confidentiality of all personal health information that is abstracted by or reported to the Department, though the University and Department may share de-identified data with other public health authorities, health researchers, local emergency medical response agencies, EMS regions, EMS medical directors, and other legitimate research entities if they abide by the confidentiality restrictions required by state and federal law.

The Department, through the University, is able to use EMS data to collaborate with other pertinent databases for the purposes of quality improvement of the provision of emergency medical services, research, and general reporting. Local emergency medical response agencies shall be provided access to the data they have submitted from the Department and the University without the need for a request made through Chapter 610, RSMo, or the federal Freedom of Information Act.

No individual or organization providing information to the Department in accordance with the provisions of this bill shall be deemed to be or held liable for divulging confidential information unless the individual or organization acted in bad faith or with malicious purpose.

Any Department employee, public health authority, University employee, or co-investigator of a study who knowingly releases information violating the provisions of this bill shall be guilty of a class A misdemeanor.