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Final Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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Primary Sponsor: Rep. Baldrige

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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The bill has no direct fiscal effect on the state or its political subdivisions. It modifies the law as it pertains to the scope of practice of emergency medical service (EMS) providers, the volunteer status of first responders, and the qualifications to serve as an EMS organization's medical director or a member of its cooperating physician advisory board.

Current law establishes the services that each type of EMS personnel may perform and authorizes the Emergency Medical and Fire Transportation Services Board to approve additional services for each type of provider in rule. The bill eliminates the enumeration of those specific services and instead requires the Board to establish the scope of practice for EMS personnel through rulemaking. This likely saves time and effort that the Board might otherwise have expended to make scope of practice changes through the enactment of a law.

The bill also generally codifies an emergency rule regarding minimum ambulance staffing requirements for nonemergency patient transports adopted by the Department of Public Safety during the COVID-19 pandemic.