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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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Version: As Reported by House Homeland Security

Primary Sponsors: Reps. Hall and Santucci

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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Highlights

- The additional workload for the State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services and the Division of Emergency Medical Services, which serves as the Board's administrative arm, resulting from petitions to mandate emergency medical services (EMS) training for specific medical conditions may be such as to necessitate the hiring of at least one staff member.

Detailed Analysis

The bill establishes a process by which any person may petition to request that a topic be included in a training or continuing education program for emergency medical services (EMS) agencies and practitioners. The bill specifically requires the State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services, which is housed within the Department of Public Safety, to receive and review petitions, approve or deny them, and if approved, adopt rules regarding the inclusion of the topic and the number of hours required.

As a result of the bill, the Board and the Division of Emergency Medical Services, which serves as the Board's administrative arm, would experience an increase in workload and related administrative costs to receive and review such petitions. According to the Ohio Department of Public Safety (ODPS), the Board already receives several requests to mandate EMS training for specific medical conditions, but the review process is permissive currently. If the bill is enacted, the number of such requests are expected to increase and the Board will be mandated to review and consider each request. The resulting workload may necessitate the hiring of at least one staff member to handle the petitions and additional duties imposed by the bill, according to Board representatives. Additionally, the Division of Emergency Medical Services would be required to ensure that those additional trainings are conducted and completed by their licensees.

Impact to EMS agencies

In the event that a petition to mandate EMS training for an approved topic is approved by the Board, the bill may indirectly impact certain EMS agencies. The Board generally gives broad authority to EMS agencies in how they fund and provide that training to their employees or volunteers (i.e., online versus in person).