

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	23-4176/1	Introduction Number	SB-0420	Estimate Type	Original
Description eligibility of certain minors for licensure as emergency medical services practitioners and certification as emergency medical responders, providing an exemption from emergency rule procedures, and extending the time limit for emergency rule procedures					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This proposal would allow 17-year-olds to apply for licensure as emergency medical service practitioners. Under current law, those under 18 are not eligible to apply. In addition to lowering the age of applicants, this proposal would require the Department to reimburse schools districts for the cost of administration of an exam for a student to become a licensed emergency medical service practitioners or emergency medical responder. Separately, the bill requires the Department of Workforce Development to add emergency medical services as an approved youth apprenticeship program activity.

The licensing examination consists of a cognitive component and a psychomotor component. The current cost of a cognitive examination is \$104 per attempt. The test is administered by approved EMS training centers. There is a separate fee for the psychomotor examination, with costs set by the examination site/training center, making cost per applicant an estimate rather than a set fee. Estimated average psychomotor examination fees would be an additional several hundred dollars with a total cost of reimbursement per applicant of approximately \$300. The Department is unable to estimate the number of applicants. However, if 500 applicants sought reimbursement per year, the cost to DHS would be \$150,000 GPR annually.

In addition, this proposal will require additional staff resources for the creation and administration of a reimbursement program, as the Department currently does not reimburse examination costs. This administrative component will require a 0.5 FTE Human Services Program Coordinator at a cost of \$28,700 GPR annually, bringing the estimated total cost to \$178,700 GPR annually.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications