

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1758 - SB 1873

February 28, 2018

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Empowers the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Board to certify emergency medical technician (EMT) and advanced emergency medical technician (AEMT) training centers operated by ambulance services to provide training for career EMTs and AEMTs. Declares a training program offered by an EMT/AEMT training center, in order to be certified by the EMS Board, must follow United States Department of Transportation EMT/AEMT national standard curriculum.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures - \$4,600/One-Time  
\$71,500/Recurring**

**Increase Local Revenue – Exceeds \$340,000/Recurring/Permissive**

**Increase Local Expenditures – Exceeds \$340,000/Recurring/Permissive**

Assumptions:

- EMS education was moved to the Board of Regents in the 1980s to formalize EMS education and to become more aligned with other healthcare professional education.
- There are currently 19 EMS educational institutions across the state that offers EMT and AEMT education. The passage of the proposed legislation would result in an increase in ambulance services requesting approval to teach these programs in their services.
- Based on information provided by the Department of Health (DOH), the proposed legislation cannot be accommodated within existing resources. The DOH will require one Emergency Medical Services Consultant 1 position to ensure programs are following rules for educational programs.
- The one-time increase in state expenditures for the additional position is estimated to be \$4,600 (\$1,900 computer cost + \$2,700 office furniture).
- The recurring increase in state expenditures associated with the additional position is estimated to be \$71,470 (\$47,616 salaries + \$15,154 benefits + \$7,900 administrative cost + \$200 connection cost + \$600 supplies).
- The equipment to establish the program is estimated to exceed \$20,000.
- There are approximately 170 ambulance services in this state. Assuming at least 10 percent, or 17 (170 services x 10.0%) ambulance services will decide to establish a

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program, the increase in local expenditures is estimated to exceed \$340,000 (17 services x \$20,000).

- It is assumed the ambulance services will charge a certification fee to collect fee revenue in an amount to cover all the ambulance service costs; thus a recurring increase in local revenue exceeding \$340,000.
- Based on information provided by the Tennessee Board of Regents, the proposed legislation will not have a significant impact on enrollment or change any training programs; therefore, any fiscal impact is estimated to be not significant.
- The EMS Board is required to collect fees in an amount sufficient to pay the costs of operating the Board. All fees collected by the Board are deposited by the DOH with the State Treasurer to the credit of the General Fund and shall be expended by the Department and included in the appropriation made for the Board in the *General Appropriations Act*.
- The EMS Board had a deficit of \$75,077 in FY15-16 and a deficit of \$113,546 in FY16-17.

#### **CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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