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SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Effective January 1, 2021, requires the training standards established for each emergency call taker or public safety dispatcher in the state to include guidelines for administering telecommunicator cardiopulmonary resuscitation (T-CPR). Authorizes the Tennessee Emergency Communications Board (TECB) to establish procedures for monitoring compliance with the training and ongoing quality assurance within the local emergency communication districts (ECDs). Authorizes the TECB to adjust funding amounts to ECDs that fail to comply with T-CPR requirements. Exempts an emergency call taker or public safety dispatcher who instructs a caller on T-CPR from liability for any civil damages or suit of any kind arising from the assistance provided.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (014673): Deletes and replaces language of the original bill such that the only substantive change is clarifying that the state is not liable for any civil damages or suit of any kind for employees who provide T-CPR instruction to callers.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- The proposed legislation requires the training and course of study requirements for an emergency call taker or public safety dispatcher to include high-quality, nationally-recognized, evidence-based guidelines for providing T-CPR to callers.
- The American Heart Association, a national provider of T-CPR program recommendations and performance measures, estimates initial training will require 3-4 hours, with 2-3 hours of annual continuing education.
- Based on information provided by the Tennessee Emergency Number Association (TENA), an exact number is unknown, but many of the 100 total ECDs in the state currently provide T-CPR training for staff and provide instruction to callers.

- The TECB currently offers virtual training for ECDs and can include additional training standards and quality assurance measurements to meet the provisions of this legislation within existing resources.
- It is reasonably assumed that the remaining ECDs which do not currently provide TCPER training or services can comply with the provisions of this legislation within existing resources utilizing the virtual training.
- The TECB distributes funding to ECDs sourced from the 911 surcharge established pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 7-86-128.
- ECDs will meet the T-CPR requirements and quality assurance standards established by the TECB to avoid a loss in funding.
- No significant fiscal impact to state or local government.

CERTIFICATION:

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



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