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SENATE BILL No. 119

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Citations Affected: IC 16-31.

Synopsis: Air ambulance service standards. Adds a representative of an entity that provides air ambulance services to the composition of the Indiana emergency medical services commission (commission). Requires the commission with the assistance of the state department of health to develop statewide standards for activation and use of air medical services for transport of patients from the emergency scene to a trauma center. Requires that the standards must be updated at least every three years.

Effective: Upon passage.

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January 4, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on Homeland Security and Transportation.
February 14, 2017, reported favorably — Do Pass.
February 16, 2017, read second time, amended, ordered engrossed.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2016 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning health.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 16-31-2-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.77-2012,
2 SECTION 15, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 2. (a) The commission is composed of ~~thirteen~~
4 **(13) fourteen (14)** members. The governor shall appoint the members
5 for four (4) year terms as follows:
6 (1) One (1) must be appointed from a volunteer fire department
7 that provides emergency medical service.
8 (2) One (1) must be appointed from a full-time municipal fire or
9 police department that provides emergency medical service.
10 (3) One (1) must be a nonprofit provider of emergency ambulance
11 services organized on a volunteer basis other than a volunteer fire
12 department.
13 (4) One (1) must be a provider of private ambulance services.
14 (5) One (1) must be a state licensed paramedic.
15 (6) One (1) must be a licensed physician who:
16 (A) has a primary interest, training, and experience in
17 emergency medical services; and

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- 1 (B) is currently practicing in an emergency medical services
 2 facility.
- 3 (7) One (1) must be a chief executive officer of a hospital that
 4 provides emergency ambulance services.
- 5 (8) One (1) must be a registered nurse who has supervisory or
 6 administrative responsibility in a hospital emergency department.
- 7 (9) One (1) must be a licensed physician who:
 8 (A) has a primary interest, training, and experience in trauma
 9 care; and
 10 (B) is practicing in a trauma facility.
- 11 (10) One (1) must be a state certified emergency medical service
 12 technician.
- 13 (11) One (1) must be an individual who:
 14 (A) represents the public at large; and
 15 (B) is not in any way related to providing emergency medical
 16 services.
- 17 (12) One (1) must be a program director (as defined in 836
 18 IAC 4-2-2(12)(B)(iii)) for a commission certified advanced life
 19 support training institution.
- 20 (13) One (1) must be the deputy executive director appointed
 21 under IC 10-19-5-3 to manage the division of preparedness and
 22 training of the department of homeland security or the designee
 23 of the deputy executive director.
- 24 **(14) One (1) must be a representative of an entity that**
 25 **provides air ambulance services.**
- 26 (b) The chief executive officer of a hospital appointed under
 27 subsection (a)(7) may designate another administrator of the hospital
 28 to serve for the chief executive officer on the commission.
- 29 (c) Not more than ~~seven (7)~~ **eight (8)** members may be from the
 30 same political party.
- 31 SECTION 2. IC 16-31-2-7.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
 32 AS A **NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE**
 33 **UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 7.1. (a) Not later than July 1, 2018, the**
 34 **commission shall:**
- 35 **(1) evaluate the use in Indiana of air ambulance services on**
 36 **patient outcomes; and**
- 37 **(2) develop, adopt, and implement statewide standards for the**
 38 **activation and use of air ambulance services;**
- 39 **not including air ambulance services used for transferring patients**
 40 **between health facilities. In performing its duties under this**
 41 **section, the commission shall reevaluate Indiana's adopted triage**
 42 **and transportation protocols for the transportation of trauma**



1 patients. The division of trauma and injury prevention of the state
2 department of health shall assist the commission.
3 (b) The goal of the standards for activation and use of air
4 ambulance services developed by the commission must be to:
5 (1) prevent the overuse of air ambulance services for
6 emergency scene response and patient transport;
7 (2) provide consistent and appropriate criteria for emergency
8 medical responders to use when determining whether to:
9 (A) request an emergency scene response by an air
10 ambulance provider; and
11 (B) transport patients by air or by ground transport from
12 the emergency scene to appropriate hospitals or trauma
13 centers; and
14 (3) provide appropriate, quality prehospital or pretrauma
15 center patient care.
16 (c) The commission shall review and update the standards at
17 least once every three (3) years.
18 SECTION 3. An emergency is declared for this act.



COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Transportation, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 119, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill DO PASS.

(Reference is to SB 119 as introduced.)

CRIDER, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0

 SENATE MOTION

Madam President: I move that Senate Bill 119 be amended to read as follows:

Between the enacting clause and line 1, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 1. IC 16-31-2-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.77-2012, SECTION 15, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 2. (a) The commission is composed of ~~thirteen~~ **(13) fourteen (14)** members. The governor shall appoint the members for four (4) year terms as follows:

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- (3) One (1) must be a nonprofit provider of emergency ambulance services organized on a volunteer basis other than a volunteer fire department.
- (4) One (1) must be a provider of private ambulance services.
- (5) One (1) must be a state licensed paramedic.
- (6) One (1) must be a licensed physician who:
 - (A) has a primary interest, training, and experience in emergency medical services; and
 - (B) is currently practicing in an emergency medical services facility.
- (7) One (1) must be a chief executive officer of a hospital that provides emergency ambulance services.
- (8) One (1) must be a registered nurse who has supervisory or administrative responsibility in a hospital emergency department.
- (9) One (1) must be a licensed physician who:

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(A) has a primary interest, training, and experience in trauma care; and

(B) is practicing in a trauma facility.

(10) One (1) must be a state certified emergency medical service technician.

(11) One (1) must be an individual who:

(A) represents the public at large; and

(B) is not in any way related to providing emergency medical services.

(12) One (1) must be a program director (as defined in 836 IAC 4-2-2(12)(B)(iii)) for a commission certified advanced life support training institution.

(13) One (1) must be the deputy executive director appointed under IC 10-19-5-3 to manage the division of preparedness and training of the department of homeland security or the designee of the deputy executive director.

(14) One (1) must be a representative of an entity that provides air ambulance services.

(b) The chief executive officer of a hospital appointed under subsection (a)(7) may designate another administrator of the hospital to serve for the chief executive officer on the commission.

(c) Not more than ~~seven (7)~~ **eight (8)** members may be from the same political party."

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

(Reference is to SB 119 as printed February 15, 2017.)

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