

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 834 - SB 974

March 2, 2023

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Emergency Medical Services Board (Board) to pay a supplement of \$800 to full-time emergency medical services (EMS) personnel who successfully complete 40 hours of an in-service training course.

FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increased State Expenditures – \$7,010,300/FY23-24
\$7,005,300/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years**

Other Fiscal Impact – The Emergency Medical Services Board had a surplus of \$55,080 in FY20-21 and a surplus of \$181,120 in FY21-22.

Assumptions:

- According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, as of May 2021, Tennessee had 7,020 EMTs and paramedics, 490 ambulance drivers and attendants, and 2,320 public safety telecommunicators. Therefore, 9,830 (7,020 + 490 + 2,320) individuals would be eligible for the supplemental \$800.
- Based on information previously provided by the Department of Commerce and Insurance, approximately 88 percent of career firefighters qualified for and received the incentive pay supplement available to such firefighters in FY19-20. This fiscal analysis assumes the same percentage of eligible individuals will qualify for and receive the pay supplement under this legislation.
- The recurring increase in state expenditures, beginning in FY23-24, is estimated to be \$6,920,320 [(\$800 x 9,830) x 88%].
- The proposed legislation would necessitate a new position of Emergency Medical Services Consultant 2 to review EMS personnel training records to determine eligibility and audit training classes. This position would result in a one-time increase in state expenditures of \$5,000 for supplies in FY23-24 and an increase of \$84,990 (\$66,600 salary + \$18,390 benefits) in FY23-24 and subsequent years.
- The total increase in state expenditures is estimated to be \$7,010,310 (\$6,920,320 + \$5,000 + \$84,990) in FY23-24 and \$7,005,310 (\$6,920,320 + \$84,990) in FY24-25 and subsequent years.
- 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 Department of Health (DOH) with the State Treasurer to the credit of the General Fund and shall be

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expended by the Department and included in the appropriation made for the Board in the *General Appropriations Act*.

- The EMS Board had a surplus of \$55,080 in FY20-21 and a surplus of \$181,120 in FY21-22.

CERTIFICATION:

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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