

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2659 - SB 2708

March 3, 2018

SUMMARY OF BILL: Establishes a volunteer ambulance pilot program (program) to be administered by the Department of Health (DOH), in which any municipality may participate and apply for local matching grants from the state. Requires the program to be a community-based emergency response system comprised of volunteers who operate motorcycles equipped with medical service equipment used by ambulances, including a basic emergency medical service medical kit containing supplies such as an oxygen canister, soft supplies, tourniquets, and a blood sugar monitor; and an automated external defibrillator.

Requires a municipality to establish a program, in order to be eligible to receive a grant, that ensures that a volunteer who operates a motorcycle is to complete any requirements and training as may be required by the DOH, including, at a minimum, completion of an 48-hour emergency medical responder training course, which includes: not less than 60-hours of classroom emergency medical service training, or of similar training that is certified as equivalent or greater; ambulance training, as determined necessary; and successful passage of a full background history check, medical screening, and interview process.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Exceeds \$850,000

Increase Local Revenue – Exceeds \$850,000/Permissive

Increase Local Expenditures – Exceeds \$1,700,000/Permissive

Assumptions:


- Based on information provided by the DOH, the department does not have funds available to fund this proposed pilot program.
- The proposed legislation authorizes the state to match funds that municipalities elect to spend for the purpose of this legislation.
- The total annual cost for operating a program such as this is estimated to exceed \$170,000. This number is assumed to remain constant into perpetuity if this legislation is enacted.

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- It is unknown the extent of local funding that would be made available for the purpose of this legislation and it is further unknown the extent of funding the state would match for the purpose of this legislation.
- There are 342 municipalities in the State of Tennessee. It is unknown how many municipalities will elect to fund such a program and thus apply for state grant funds.
- It is reasonable to assume that at least 10 municipalities will elect to fund a program as proposed.
- The total recurring increase in local expenditures for operation of such programs is estimated to exceed \$1,700,000 (minimum \$170,000 x minimum 10 entities) per year.
- Each local entity electing to implement such a program is assumed to receive a 50 percent match of state funds to pay for the costs of operations.
- The recurring increase in state expenditures from the General Fund is estimated to exceed \$850,000 (\$1,700,000 x 50%).
- The recurring increase in local revenue received from state in the form of matching grant funding is estimated to exceed \$850,000.

CERTIFICATION:

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



Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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