

JBC Staff Fiscal Analysis Senate Appropriations Committee

Concerning increasing the availability of emergency medical services, and, in connection therewith, making and reducing an appropriation.

Prime Sponsors:

Representative Feret; Stewart K.
Senator Mullica

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Fiscal Impacts

Appropriation Not Required, Amendment in Packet

Fiscal Note Status

The most recent Legislative Council Staff Revised Fiscal Note (attached) reflects the fiscal impact of the bill as of 05/01/26.

No Change: Attached LCS Fiscal Note accurately reflects the fiscal impact of the bill.

Amendments in This Packet

J.002 Staff-prepared appropriation amendment

Current Appropriations Clause in Bill

The bill includes an appropriation clause that changes appropriations to the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing for FY 2026-27 by -\$2,132,105 total funds, including -\$548,547 General Fund, -\$124,822 cash funds from the hospital provider fee, and -\$1,458,735 matching federal funds. In addition, the amendment provides \$26,353 General Fund to the Department of Public Health and Environment for rule making.

Description of Amendments in This Packet

J.002

Staff amendment **J.002** (attached) removes the appropriations clause from the bill.

With the Senate Health and Human Services Committee Report removing treatment in place from the definition of emergency services for state-regulated commercial carriers, but keeping the requirement that Medicaid cover these services, it is difficult to project how provider behavior might change. If providers only offer and bill for treatment in place in high acuity cases where they transport in addition to the treatment in place, then this bill

could increase Medicaid costs. If the providers offer and bill for treatment in place in low acuity cases where the treatment in place avoids more costly services, then the bill could decrease Medicaid expenditures.

Points to Consider

None.