FISCAL NOTE

Requested by Legislative Council
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Amendment to: Reengrossed HB 1266

1A. **State fiscal effect:** *Identify the state fiscal effect and the fiscal effect on agency appropriations compared to funding levels and appropriations anticipated under current law.*

	2009-2011 Biennium		2011-2013 Biennium		2013-2015 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues						
Expenditures			$92,000		$92,000	
Appropriations			$92,000		$92,000	

1B. **County, city, and school district fiscal effect:** *Identify the fiscal effect on the appropriate political subdivision.*

2009-2011 Biennium			2011-2013 Biennium			2013-2015 Biennium		
Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts

2A. **Bill and fiscal impact summary:** *Provide a brief summary of the measure, including description of the provisions having fiscal impact (limited to 300 characters).*

This bill allows the state health officer to appoint a emergency medical service and trauma medical director to provide oversight and consultation to the state emergency medical services and trauma systems.

B. **Fiscal impact sections:** *Identify and provide a brief description of the sections of the measure which have fiscal impact. Include any assumptions and comments relevant to the analysis.*

Section 1 Medical Director states “the state health officer may appoint an emergency medical services and trauma medical director to provide medical oversight and consultation in the development and administration of the state emergency medical services and trauma systems”. It further states “The Medical director must be a physician licensed in the state and must be contracted and paid by the state department of health”. There is not an appropriation for this service so the medical director will not be appointed and there will be no costs for the Department of Health.

Section 2 Appropriation. This section includes an appropriation of $50,000 to the Department for advanced trauma life support training and trauma designation site visits. This training and site visit is necessary in order for their hospitals to maintain any level of designated Trauma Center Status. The state trauma system is made up of all the hospitals in the state that must be designated as a Trauma Center in order to treat trauma patients. They must be designated every three years for all levels of trauma center designation. The total cost of these activities is detailed in the expense section of this fiscal note.

3. **State fiscal effect detail:** *For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1A, please:*
   A. **Revenues:** *Explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.*

   B. **Expenditures:** *Explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.*

In section 1 of this bill the medical director must be a physician licensed in the state and must be contracted and paid by the state department of health. Since the language has changed from "shall to may" and there is no appropriation

for this activity a medical director will not be appointed and there will be no cost to the Department.

The state trauma system is made up of all the hospitals in the state that must be designated as a Trauma Center in order to treat trauma patients. They must be designated every three years for all levels of trauma center designation. A health department employee, a physician from the respective region and a nurse trauma coordinator from the region make up the team for the site visit for these hospitals. It is anticipated that the team would complete 21 site visits per year at $1,000 per site visit or $41,000 for the 2011-13 biennium.

In order for a hospital to maintain any level of trauma designation, physicians and other providers across the state must be current in Advanced Trauma Life Support training. In order to provide approximately 100 individuals training within a three year period it is anticipated that approximately 34 individuals would be trained each year at a cost of $700 per person. Total for the biennium would be $51,000.

Total cost for both the 2011-13 biennium and the 2013-15 biennium would be $92,000.

C. **Appropriations:** *Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency and fund affected. Explain the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations. Indicate whether the appropriation is also included in the executive budget or relates to a continuing appropriation.*

This bill includes an appropriation of $50,000 compared to the estimated expenditures of $92,000. Funding for this project are not included in the Department's appropriation bill (HB 1004).

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