

**FISCAL NOTE**  
Requested by Legislative Council  
02/04/2011

Amendment to: 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   |                    |             | \$445,000          |             | \$445,000          |             |
| Appropriations |                    |             | \$445,000          |             | \$445,000          |             |

**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 |        |                  |
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| Counties           | Cities | School Districts | Counties           | Cities | School Districts | Counties           | Cities | School Districts |
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**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 requires 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 shall 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". Total cost for this activity is \$208,000.

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. The part time medical director position would be contracted at \$100 per hour based on a half time position. This would total \$104,000 per year or \$208,000 per biennium.

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 (associate trauma coordinator), 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.

The associate statewide trauma coordinator would be a new FTE employed by the Department of Health. Salary and fringe benefit costs for this 1.0 FTE are \$115,000 and \$30,000 for travel and general operating costs.

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.

**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.*

Funding for the 1.0 FTE for this project are not included in the Department's appropriation bill (HB 1004). The Department will need an appropriation for these funds and the FTE to carry out this project.

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