

FISCAL NOTE
SENATE BILL NO. 2033
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1 - 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.

	2023-2025 Biennium		2025-2027 Biennium		2027-2029 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues						
Expenditures			\$209,842		\$218,180	
Appropriations			\$209,842		\$218,180	

2 - County, City, School District, and Township Fiscal Effect

Identify the fiscal effect on the appropriate political subdivision.

	2023-2025 Biennium	2025-2027 Biennium	2027-2029 Biennium
Counties			
Cities			
School Districts			
Townships			

3 - Bill and Fiscal Impact Summary

Provide a brief summary of the measure, including description of the provisions having fiscal impact (limited to 300 characters).

SB 2033 creates a distressed ambulance service program; to provide for a legislative management report; and to provide a continuing appropriation.

4 - Fiscal Impact Sections Detail

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 of SB 2033 creates a distressed ambulance service program. A distressed ambulance service is one that has been identified as noncompliant with federal or state laws or regulations, indicated intention to cease operation or change of licensure level or being unable to respond to requests for service.

To be able to administer this service, the Department would need one new FTE to administer the program. The fiscal

impact related to this FTE would be \$196,212 for the 2025-2027 biennium. The Department estimates the operating expenses would be \$13,630 for the 2025-2027 biennium.

The Department will contract with a vendor who would serve as a coordinator to develop, implement, and monitor an emergency medical services plan. The distressed ambulance service will reimburse the department for costs associated with administering this section, including the contracted coordinator and additional costs for providing the related ambulance services.

5 - Revenues Detail

For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1 or 2, please explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.

This bill is intended to be revenue neutral; we will collect funds/assets from distressed ambulance service to cover the costs for the contracted coordinator and for the related ambulance service activities. This amount (Other Funds) is undetermined as we are unable to project the number of potential distressed ambulance services nor their activity.

6 - Expenditures Detail

For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1 or 2, please explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.

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The Department would need to hire one FTE to carry out the administrative functions of the program, adopt rules, ensure reliable ambulance response and other monitoring activities. The estimated cost of the FTE for 2 years is \$196,212 for salaries & fringe. There would also be operating costs for this FTE for technology fees billed from NDIT of \$7,630 and \$6,000 for publishing public notices.

The total projected costs related to SB 2033 for the 2025-27 biennium are as follows;
Salaries and wages is \$196,212 of which, all is General;
Operating Expenses is \$13,630 of which, all is General.

Costs to cover the contracted coordinator and all costs related to providing the ambulance service activities are undetermined, as we are unable to project the number of distressed ambulance services per biennium nor the costs for the related activities. These costs will be reimbursed by the distressed ambulance service. (Other Funds)

7 - Appropriations Detail

For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1 or 2, please 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 or a part of the appropriation is included in the executive budget or relates to a continuing appropriation.

For the 2025-2027 biennium, the Department of Health and Human Services would need appropriation authority in the following line items:

Salaries and wages is \$196,212, all of which is General;
Operating Expenses is \$13,630, all of which is General.

For the 2027-2029 biennium, the Department of Health and Human Services would need appropriation increases to the base budget for SB 2033 in the following line items:

Salaries and wages is \$204,742, all of which is General;
Operating Expenses is \$13,438, all of which is General.

23-27.2-07 creates a continuing appropriation for distressed ambulance service program fund in the state treasury. The fund consists of all moneys transferred to the fund and all interest and earnings upon money in the fund. Moneys in the fund are appropriated to the Department on a continuing basis. The amount of the continuing appropriation is undetermined.

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