

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS

AMENDMENT DATE: July 15, 2010
POSITION: Neutral
SPONSOR: California Professional Firefighters

BILL NUMBER: AB 2456
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BILL SUMMARY: Emergency Medical Services: Regulation

This bill would require the Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA) to develop regulations by December 31, 2011, that establish standards for policies and procedures applicable to the functions, certification, and licensure of emergency medical technician (EMT) personnel. This bill would authorize the EMSA to adjust fees, subject to the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Commission approval, to support the additional costs of promulgating the new regulations. This bill also would require the Director of the EMSA to approve any policies and procedures implemented by a local EMS agency, not in accordance with the EMSA standards, under specified conditions, and would allow an EMS service provider or a local EMS agency to appeal a determination made by the Director of EMSA to the EMS Commission.

FISCAL SUMMARY

The EMSA estimates it would require 2.5 additional staff positions (0.5 Health Program Manager I, 1.0 Health Program Specialist I, and 1.0 Office Technician) to develop the regulations for the initial development period of 18 months. These resources could be redirected and the costs absorbed while fee adjustments are reviewed.

COMMENTS

The Department of Finance is neutral on this bill as it results in no additional cost to the state. Ongoing costs would be incorporated into future fee adjustments.

This bill attempts to provide standardized policies and procedures that would allow local EMS agencies to collaborate more effectively to provide safe and effective delivery of EMS to the public.

Code/Department Agency or Revenue Type	SO	(Fiscal Impact by Fiscal Year)							Fund Code	
	LA	(Dollars in Thousands)								
	CO	PROP	2010-2011		2011-2012		2012-2013			
	RV	98	FC	FC	FC	FC				
4120/Emer Med Svc	SO	No	-----	No/Minor	Fiscal Impact	-----		0001		
1999/Pend New Rev	RV	No	-----	No/Minor	Fiscal Impact	-----		0001		

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