

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS

AMENDMENT DATE: July 11, 2011
POSITION: Neutral, note concerns
SPONSOR: California Professional Firefighters

BILL NUMBER: AB 1245
AUTHOR: D. Williams

BILL SUMMARY: Emergency Medical Services

This bill would authorize the Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA) to adopt regulations for state approval of standards for an emergency medical responder (EMR) training course that meets or exceeds national guidelines, as specified.

FISCAL SUMMARY

The EMSA indicates it would not incur any costs as a result of this bill.

COMMENTS

The Department of Finance is fiscally neutral with regards to this bill as it would not result in additional state costs; however, we note the following concern. The EMSA convened an EMR task force in January 2011, which was comprised of a cross section of EMS stakeholders. The goals of the task force were to: (1) revise the Public Safety First Aid regulations, (2) adopt a scope of practice for the Public Safety First Aid providers, (3) adopt the EMR as a level of EMS responder, and (4) adopt the training requirements and scope of practice for EMRs. The task force recently completed draft regulations; however, as a result of provisions included in this bill restricting a new level of EMS provider, and from authorizing a scope of practice, the EMSA likely would suspend those draft regulations if enacted.

Current law requires peace officers in the state, including the California Highway Patrol (CHP), except those whose duties are primarily clerical or administrative, to meet the training standards prescribed by the EMSA for the administration of first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).

Current law requires all ocean, public beach, and public swimming pool lifeguards and all firefighters in this state, except those whose duties are primarily clerical or administrative, to be trained to administer first aid and CPR.

This bill would authorize the EMSA to adopt regulations for the state approval of training standards for an EMR training course.

The bill would not prohibit the CHP, Cal-Fire, or any other public safety agency that provides training to its law enforcement or firefighting personnel, from administering training programs pursuant to specified laws and regulations, or prohibit personnel of these agencies from providing services that were the subject of such training programs.

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	CO	PROP							
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4120/Emer Med Svc	SO	No		-----	No/Minor	Fiscal Impact	-----		0312
<u>Fund Code</u>	<u>Title</u>								
0312	Emergency Medical Services Personnel Fnd								