

February 15, 2023

The Honorable Carolyn McGinn, Chairperson  
Senate Committee on Local Government  
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 142-S  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator McGinn:

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Note for SB 212 by Senator Straub

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 212 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 212 would establish staffing requirements for vehicles used to provide emergency care in counties with a population less than 10,000. The bill would require a vehicle providing emergency care to operate with one person that is certified as an emergency medical service provider, an individual licensed by the State Board of Healing Arts to practice medicine and surgery, a physician assistant, an advanced practice registered nurse or a professional nurse, and a second person that either meets the same requirements or is a person certified in first aid or cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

Estimated State Fiscal Effect				
	FY 2023 SGF	FY 2023 All Funds	FY 2024 SGF	FY 2024 All Funds
Revenue	--	--	--	(\$48,000)
Expenditure	--	--	--	(\$45,000)
FTE Pos.	--	--	--	--

The Board of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) indicates that enactment of the bill would decrease expenditures for aid to local governments by \$45,000 beginning in FY 2024. The agency provides a grant opportunity for personnel to gain certification in predominantly rural counties and anticipates enactment of the bill would reduce the number of certified personnel and number of classes for certification being offered, which would result in fewer grants being

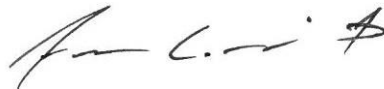
awarded. In turn, the agency states enactment of the bill would decrease revenues by approximately \$48,000 beginning in FY 2024 from fewer individuals seeking certification and recertification as an EMS provider. The agency notes that there are 66 counties in Kansas with a population less than 10,000 with a total of 1,648 providers. The agency anticipates enactment of the bill would result in an overall reduction of 20.0 percent of providers in counties with a population less than 10,000 and a 10.0 percent reduction in counties with a population over 10,000 due to fewer courses of instruction being offered.

The agency also notes the bill would eliminate the emergency medical responder certification, which is most often obtained to function on an ambulance as a second provider. The agency notes that the 66 counties with a population less than 10,000 hold 36.0 percent of the certified emergency medical responder certifications in Kansas.

The Board of Healing Arts indicates enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect on the agency. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 212 is not reflected in *The FY 2024 Governor's Budget Report*.

The Kansas Association of Counties states enactment of the bill could lead to savings for counties with a population under 10,000 and could expand coverage of emergency services because credentialed staff could be utilized more efficiently.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam Proffitt", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Adam Proffitt  
Director of the Budget

cc: Susan Gile, Board of Healing Arts  
Joe House, Emergency Medical Services