Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: Sub. H.B. 128 of the 129th G.A. **Date**: April 22, 2011

Status: As Passed by the House **Sponsor**: Reps. Carey and Peterson

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Contents: Staffing ambulances and emergency medical services grants

State Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on the state.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- As a result of revising the priorities for the distribution of emergency medical services grants: (1) certain entities may not be awarded a grant that they might otherwise have received and (2) certain entities may be awarded a grant that they might otherwise not have received.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

Ambulance staffing requirements

The bill allows an emergency response vehicle to be dispatched with only one emergency medical technician (EMT). Two EMTs would be required to be present at the scene of the emergency. Current law states that there must be two EMTs in the vehicle when it is dispatched. This change could, in theory, improve response time, but has no direct state or local fiscal effect.

Board of Emergency Medical Services grants

The bill revises the priorities used by the Board of Emergency Medical Services to distribute grants funded through Highway Safety Fund 83P0, line item 765637, EMS Grants. As a result, (1) certain entities may not be awarded a grant that they might otherwise have received under the current list of priorities and (2) certain entities may be awarded a grant that they might otherwise not have received under the current list of priorities. The total amount of awards distributed annually statewide ranges between $2.5 million and $4.0 million.

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