



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: [H.B. 244 of the 129th G.A.](#)

Date: September 20, 2011

Status: As Introduced

Sponsor: Reps. Gonzales and Roegner

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Contents: Permits authorized paramedics to administer the flu vaccine to firefighters or emergency medical technicians

State Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on the state.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- The bill requires both public and private emergency medical service organizations (EMSO) to establish written protocols and training necessary for an emergency medical technician-paramedic to administer the flu vaccine to (1) a firefighter, paid or volunteer, or (2) another emergency medical technician. This provision is unlikely to generate more than a minimal increase in expenditures for public EMSOs.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

According to the Division of Emergency Medical Services at the Department of Public Safety, there are approximately 1,300 emergency medical service organizations (EMSO). Of that number, approximately 450 are private-for-profit organizations (i.e., hospitals) and the remainder are fire department-based.

The bill requires both public and private EMSOs to establish written protocols and training necessary for an emergency medical technician-paramedic to administer the flu vaccine. This provision is unlikely to generate more than a minimal increase in expenditures for public EMSOs. The bill also permits the director or advisory board of an emergency medical service organization (either public or private) to authorize an emergency medical technician-paramedic within the organization to administer flu vaccines to (1) a firefighter, paid or volunteer, or (2) another emergency medical technician.

The bill does not address any potential costs or savings that would be dependent on the current practice for flu vaccines at each firehouse. If the current practice for providing the vaccinations requires any overtime costs to have all personnel in the firehouse, then the bill could have a savings effect for those municipalities. The bill also does not address who pays for the flu vaccines or the training for the emergency medical technician-paramedics who would administer the vaccines. If it is expected that an EMSO will pay for any of these scenarios, then the costs could change for the EMSOs by some undetermined amount. It is also possible that if the EMSO requires its personnel to obtain their flu vaccines from private sources, then the bill would not create any additional cost to that EMSO.