MEMORANDUM

TO: DeeAnn Wenk, Committee Staff Administrator
Interim Joint Committee on Health and Welfare and Family Services

FROM: Becky Harlison, Co-Director
David Floyd, Co-Director

RE: Executive Order 2019-028

DATE: January 10, 2019

Please find enclosed, Executive Order 2019-028 relating to Reorganization of the Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services. This order is hereby referred to the Interim Joint Committee on Health and Welfare and Family Services. KRS 12.028(4) requires that the appropriate committee complete its review and report its findings to the Legislative Research Commission within sixty days of LRC’s receipt of the plan.

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Enclosure
RELATING TO THE REORGANIZATION OF THE KENTUCKY BOARD OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, it is the function of state government to identify and promote opportunities for greater efficiency and continuous improvement; and

WHEREAS, the Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services is presently comprised of a sizeable and sometimes unwieldy board of eighteen (18) members; and

WHEREAS, in recent months a lack of attendance has led to difficulty in attaining a quorum of members in order to hold meetings; and

WHEREAS, it has been demonstrated through a number of government agency consolidations that smaller and more focused boards often lead to greater efficiency and participation among members; and

WHEREAS, several current member classifications are reasonably duplicative in practice and share the same basic educational requirements; and

WHEREAS, there have been many educational and technological advancements made during the past decade affecting the emergency medical services field, including regulatory and training changes; and

WHEREAS, due to such changes, including several overlapping board member classifications and one category that is virtually non-existent, the board structure should be updated for improved efficiency:

NOW THEREFORE, I, Matthew G. Bevin, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Sections 69 and 81 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and KRS 12.028 and otherwise, do hereby Order and Direct the following:
MATTHEW G. BEVIN
GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER

Secretary of State
Frankfort
Kentucky

2019-028
January 7, 2019

I. The Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services created under KRS 311A.015 is hereby altered to include the following eleven (11) members:

(a) One (1) trauma surgeon or physician licensed in Kentucky having a primary practice in the delivery of emergency medical care selected from a list of three (3) physicians submitted by the Kentucky Medical Association;
(b) One (1) physician licensed in Kentucky serving as medical director of an advanced life support ambulance service selected from a list of three (3) physicians submitted by the Kentucky Medical Association;
(c) One (1) hospital administrator selected from a list of three (3) nominees submitted by the Kentucky Hospital Association;
(d) One (1) certified emergency medical services educator;
(e) One (1) fire service-based ground ambulance provider who is a certified emergency medical technician or licensed paramedic;
(f) One (1) privately-operated ground ambulance provider who is a certified emergency medical technician or licensed paramedic;
(g) One (1) publicly-operated ground ambulance provider who is a certified emergency medical technician or licensed paramedic;
(h) One (1) advanced life support ambulance provider who is a certified emergency medical technician or licensed paramedic;
(i) One (1) air ambulance provider who is a licensed paramedic;
(j) One (1) first responder, certified emergency medical technician or licensed paramedic.
(k) One (1) citizen having no involvement in the delivery of medical or emergency services;

II. All persons serving unexpired terms prior to the filing date of this Order, unless specifically replaced by the Governor, may continue to serve in an ex-officio voting capacity until the expiration of their term. Members whose terms have expired shall no longer serve as members.

III. Members shall serve for terms of three (3) years and shall not be reappointed for more than two (2) consecutive terms.

IV. All other provisions of law that apply to the Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services shall remain in full force and effect.

V. The Finance and Administration Cabinet, Office of State Budget Director and the Personnel Cabinet shall take all necessary action to effectuate the provisions of this Order.

MATTHEW G. BEVIN, Governor
Commonwealth of Kentucky

ALISON LUNDERGAN GRIMES
Secretary of State
SECRETARY OF STATE
Frankfort
Kentucky

2019-028
January 7, 2019

REORGANIZATION PLAN

SUMMARY OF PLAN
This Executive Order alters and reduces the board size from eighteen (18) to eleven (11) members to address member categories that no longer exist or are duplicative in practice. Unless specifically replaced by the Governor, current members whose terms have not expired or whose membership category has been eliminated shall continue to serve until the expiration of their existing appointment. All other provisions of law related to the board remain unaffected. No personnel impact is expected.

FISCAL IMPACT
This Executive Order is expected to result in a small cost savings due to reduced expense reimbursements for board members.