

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY STATE FISCAL NOTE STATEMENT
LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION
2016 REGULAR SESSION**

MEASURE

2016 BR NUMBER 0091

HOUSE BILL NUMBER 54

RESOLUTION NUMBER _____

AMENDMENT NUMBER _____

SUBJECT/TITLE An ACT relating to emergency medical services.

SPONSOR Rep. Schamore

NOTE SUMMARY

FISCAL ANALYSIS: IMPACT NO IMPACT INDETERMINABLE IMPACT

LEVEL(S) OF IMPACT: STATE LOCAL FEDERAL

BUDGET UNIT(S) IMPACT: Kentucky Community and Technical College System; Kentucky Division of Emergency Management

FUND(S) IMPACT: GENERAL ROAD FEDERAL RESTRICTED AGENCY _____ OTHER

FISCAL SUMMARY

FISCAL ESTIMATES	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	ANNUAL IMPACT AT FULL IMPLEMENTATION
REVENUES				
EXPENDITURES		Indeterminable	Indeterminable	Indeterminable
NET EFFECT		(Indeterminable)	(Indeterminable)	(Indeterminable)

() indicates a decrease/negative

MEASURE'S PURPOSE: HB54 amends KRS 61.31, 164/2841 and 164.2842 to include Emergency Medical Services providers to receive the \$80,000 death benefit for death in the line of duty and tuition and fees for family members of Emergency Medical Services providers who are disabled or killed in the line of duty.

PROVISIONS/MECHANICS:

Section 1 amends KRS 61.315 to allow an Emergency Medical Service provider to receive the \$80,000 death benefit from the general expenditure fund of the State Treasury if his/her death occurs in the line of duty. An emergency medical service provider is defined as an emergency medical technician, paramedic, or first responder with a nonprofit or public ambulance provider, and any member of a rescue squad.

Emergency medical technicians, paramedics, or first responder with a nonprofit or public ambulance provider are governed by the Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services. Rescue squads are governed by the Kentucky Commission on Emergency Management.

The amended language on page 3, paragraph 6 states that “The Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services shall promulgate administrative regulations establishing the criteria and procedures applicable to the administration of this section as it pertains to emergency medical services providers, including but not limited to which employees qualify for coverage and which circumstances constitute death in the line of duty.”

The Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services (KBEMS), located within the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) shall promulgate administrative regulations, establish criteria and procedures on the administration, determine who qualifies for coverage, and determine which circumstances constitute death in the line of duty for the rescue squads as they are a unit of the Division of Emergency Management.

Section 2 amends KRS 164.2841 to expand benefits of tuition and fees upon admission to any state-supported university, community college, or vocational training institution to families of emergency medical services providers who are disabled or killed in the line of duty.

These measures are for deaths in the line of duty on or after the effective date of this Act.

Section 3 amends KRS 164.2842 to conform to the provisions of the bill.

FISCAL EXPLANATION:

Section 1: If an Emergency Medical Service provider dies in the line of duty, his/her spouse and/or children receive an \$80,000 death benefit that shall be paid by the State Treasurer from the general expenditure fund of the State Treasury.

Section 2: If an Emergency Medical Service provider dies or is disabled in the line of duty, his/her spouse or children would receive tuition to any state-supported university, community college, or vocational training institution.

The fiscal impact of HB 54 is indeterminable due to not knowing how many emergency medical services personnel will die in the line of duty.

The Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services averages less than one death in the line of duty per year. The Kentucky Division of Emergency Management heretofore has not tracked deaths in the line of duty for rescue squad members.

Any cost of tuition would be to the educational institution providing the waiver.

DATA SOURCE(S): KY Board of Emergency Medical Services, KY Division of Emergency Management

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