Local Government Mandate Statement Kentucky Legislative Research Commission 2024 Regular Session

Part I: Measure Information

Bill Request #: 147
Bill #: _ HB 416
Document ID #: 4212
Bill Title: AN ACT relating to emergency medical services and making an appropriation therefor.
Sponsor: Representative Mark Allen Hart
Unit of Government: X City X County X Urban-County Unified Local X Charter County X Consolidated Local X Government
Office(s) Impacted: Local Governments; EMS Services
Requirement: X Mandatory Optional
Effect on Powers & Duties: X Modifies Existing Adds New Eliminates Existing

Part II: Bill Provisions and the Estimated Fiscal Impact Relating to Local Government

HB 416 would create new sections of KRS Chapter 311A to create the EMS Professionals Foundation Program fund and specify the ambulance services and EMS professionals that are eligible to share in the distribution of the fund. This fund will be used to reimburse eligible EMS professional's out-of-pocket costs for mental health treatment for a post-traumatic stress injury or disorder. It will also provide for annual supplements to ambulance providers for eligible EMS professionals in the amount of \$4,800 in addition to an amount equal to the required employer's contribution on the supplement to the defined benefit pension plan. The \$4,800 is required to be used to supplement EMS personnel wages on a monthly basis.

HB 416 is expected to have a positive fiscal impact on local EMS Services that would receive new funding from the state to be used to increase employee pay and help pay for pension contributions. There may be some small administrative costs associated with keeping track of these funds and ensuring compliance with eligibility criteria in the

bill and any regulations that are yet to be promulgated. There may also be an improvement in employee retention due to increased pay.

Data Source(s): KY Board of Emergency Medical Services; LRC Staff

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