

March 16, 2011

The Honorable Vicki Schmidt, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare
Statehouse, Room 552-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Schmidt:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 216 by Senate Committee on Ways and Means

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 216 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Current law allows the Emergency Medical Services Board to adopt rules and regulations necessary to regulate ambulance services. SB 216 would add requirements for a quality assurance and improvement program for ambulance services and staffing requirements for attendant or medical personnel for ambulance services and vehicles. The bill would also change the term "medical advisor" to "medical director." SB 216 would implement an initiation date of December 31, 2011, to allow all attendants additional time to complete certification renewal cycles. The bill would also add additional language for transition requirements for certain emergency medical technician classifications regulated by the Board. Under SB 216, the Board could not approve an application for an attendant's certificate, unless the applicant has paid a fee required by the rules and regulations adopted by the Board. A "training officer's certificate" would be added to the list of certificates that could be denied, revoked, limited, modified, or suspended by the Board. Language would be added that allows the Board to consider disciplinary actions taken against licensees from other jurisdictions who are seeking certification in Kansas. The bill would make additional technical changes.

The Board does not have current statutory authority to collect an applicant's fee for certification. The Board indicates the language was removed in a technicality. The Board indicates if an applicant seeking certification is not required to pay a fee by the rules and regulations adopted by the Board, it would cost the agency approximately \$65,000 annually. To implement the rest of SB 216, the Board indicates any fiscal effect would be negligible and could be absorbed within existing resources. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 216 is not reflected in *The FY 2012 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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cc: Steve Sutton, EMS