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HEALTH CARE/PROVIDERS OR INCREASE GF EX See Note Page 1 of 1
 Provides relative to patient wait time for the provision of emergency care

Proposed law requires the LA Department of Health (LDH) to collect data concerning the causes and circumstances leading to wait times for patients transported to a hospital by a ground ambulance provider for the purpose of receiving emergency medical services.

Proposed law requires a hospital and ambulance provider to report certain information to LDH if a patient is transported to a hospital by a ground ambulance provider to receive emergency care and the patient is not transferred to an appropriate place in the hospital to receive emergency care by hospital staff within 30 minutes after arriving at the hospital. The department is required to submit an annual report summarizing the data collected to both Senate and House Health and Welfare Committees by February 1st of each year.

EXPENDITURES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total						
REVENUES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

The department anticipates in excess of \$330,000 in SGF expenditures in FY 25 related to one (1) additional employee and one-time resources that are required to analyze and investigate data related to patient wait times. Proposed law requires LDH to collect, analyze, and compile certain data from each ground ambulance provider and hospital operating in a parish with a population exceeding 125,000 whenever a patient seeking emergency care is transferred from the ground ambulance provider to the hospital and the transfer time exceeds 30 minutes. LDH indicates 13 parishes will be mandated to participate, which include 62 hospitals and 36 Emergency Medical Services (EMS) providers. Projected costs are reflected below.


- \$127,484 - Salary and related benefits for a Business Analyst Specialist position
- \$12,000 - Operating expenses and equipment
- \$200,000 - One-time IT costs to modify the Bureau of EMS information management system
- \$339,436 - First year projected costs

The department does not anticipate the requirements of this bill can be absorbed with existing staff and resources based on an estimate of the volume of data projected to be collected from providers and analyzed. Information provided by LDH reflects over 100 extended wait times (over 30 minutes) per day from one large EMS provider when that provider was surveyed. The LFO was unable to verify these actual numbers. The need for additional staff will depend on the volume of data that is required to be collected and analyzed.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

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| <u>Senate</u> | <u>Dual Referral Rules</u> | <u>House</u> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H} | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S} |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H} | | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S} |


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