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FISCAL NOTE
 LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES *				
	FY 2009-10		FY 2010-11	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	See below		See below	

*Does not include any impact on political subdivisions. See narrative for political subdivision estimates.

This bill requires the Emergency Medical Services Board to establish a skills competency test for licensure of emergency medical responders and emergency medical technicians. The language adopting the curricula of the United States Department of Transportation is repealed.

Currently the licensure examination used for emergency medical professionals is a national written exam given at eight sites across the state. Transitioning to a state-developed test will result in costs for the development of the test and ongoing administration and evaluation of the test. The Department of Health and Human Services estimates the need for a licensing coordinator, a licensing specialist, additional per diems and travel costs for the EMS Board, equipment and contractual costs for examiners. These costs would be \$225,652 in FY 10 and \$182,394 in FY 11.

There are no fees charged for EMS licensure. Currently, those who become licensed are reimbursed for the cost of the exam from a combination of General Funds and cash funds from the Fifty Cents for Life Fund. If these sources are used to cover the department's costs, the additional costs in FY 10 would be \$37,653. In FY 11, there would be savings of \$5,606. If the cash funds are not used, the General Fund costs would be \$127,652 in FY 10 and \$84,394 in FY 11.