

# EMAT Report

## **SB29/HB384 GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION: Expands first responder benefits to include emergency medical technicians.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Haile, Ferrell , Rep. Weaver, Terri

*Summary:* Includes emergency medical technicians in the compensation for injury or death suffering during employment.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 17, 2019) Other Fiscal Impact For each individual death benefit awarded, there will be an increase in state expenditures of at least \$50,000 per benefit per year over a five-year period. In the event, an EMT or paramedic death occurs in the line of duty within the respective local government that provides first responder health benefits for survivors, there will be a decrease in local government expenditures, as, at a minimum, any benefits otherwise provided by the local government will be paid by the state for two years. The extent and timing of any such impacts are dependent upon multiple unknown factors and cannot be determined with reasonable certainty.

*Senate Status:* 03/18/19 - Senate passed.

*House Status:* 04/18/19 - Set for House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee 04/23/19.

## **SB175/HB191 LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Changes amount of time to update modifications to house, road, or street names or numbers.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gardenhire, Todd , Rep. Carter, Mike

*Summary:* Changes the amount of time legislative bodies of all counties and municipalities have to provide their local county election commissions an updated list of any modifications to house, road, or street names or numbers from six months to 180 days.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 3, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Senate Status:* 02/01/19 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.

*House Status:* 01/31/19 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

## **SB200/HB780 WORKERS COMPENSATION: Creates presumption that firefighters with PTSD are eligible for workers' compensation.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Briggs, Richard , Rep. Ramsey, Bob

*Summary:* Creates presumption that, for purposes of workers' compensation, firefighter or emergency medical services personnel diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) sustained the injury in the line of duty in the absence of evidence that the PTSD was caused by other risk factors or exposure.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated April 4, 2019) Increase Local Expenditures Exceeds \$17,064,000/Recurring

*Senate Status:* 02/01/19 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

*House Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to House Employee Affairs Subcommittee.

## **SB250/HB228 HEALTH CARE: Removes certain population limitations on EMT training centers.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Lundberg, Jon , Rep. Crawford, John

*Summary:* Removes certain population limitations on training centers for emergency medical technician and advanced emergency medical technician courses.

*Amendment Summary:* Senate Health & Welfare Committee amendment 1, House amendment 1 (004808) rewrites this bill and the present law pilot project and establishes a limited pilot project for the purpose of determining the impact of EMT/AEMT training centers operated by ambulance services licensed in this state. Under this limited pilot project, a total of 15 training centers may be operated. The emergency medical services board will oversee the pilot project. In order to be certified by the emergency medical services board under this amendment, a training program offered by an EMT/AEMT training center must follow the National EMS Scope of Practice Model for Emergency Medical Service Personnel as promulgated by the United States department of transportation, national highway traffic safety administration. This amendment authorizes ambulance services licensed in this state to establish an EMT/AEMT training program. The ambulance service must have an instructor coordinator approved by the division of emergency medical services who serves as the training coordinator or lead instructor for the ambulance service. This amendment requires the ambulance service to charge a special enrollment fee of \$175 to each student to be paid directly to the division of emergency medical services to be allocated to the general fund. This amendment specifies that a training program offered by an EMT/AEMT training center may not offer training to more than two classes of students per year, per type of class. Also, a training program offered by an EMT/AEMT training center may not have more than 10 total students per class. However, this amendment specifies that an ambulance service located in a county with a population of less than 50,000 may send students to another county for training, in which case the receiving training center may then have classes of no more than 20 students per class. This amendment requires an ambulance service that operates an EMT/AEMT training center to document, for each student, the student name, the course the student takes, the date the course begins and is completed, and the exam score for each time the student takes the standard certification test. For each course taught, the ambulance service training center must also report the total number of students that started the course, the total number of students that completed the course, and the percentage of those who completed the course that passed the standard certification test on the first attempt. This documentation will be submitted to the emergency medical services board and to the chancellor of the Tennessee board of regents on a quarterly basis, beginning in the quarter that the first course offered by the training center is completed. This amendment requires the board to compile an annual report based on the documentation received from ambulance services operating an EMT/AEMT training center and to submit the annual report to the chairs of the health committee of the house of representatives and the health and welfare committee of the senate. This report must be submitted by June 30 of each year the pilot project is in operation.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 18, 2019) Increase State Revenue Exceeds \$108,000/FY19-20 and Subsequent Years/General Fund Increase Local Revenue Exceeds \$224,000/FY19-20 and Subsequent Years/Permissive Exceeds \$144,000/FY20-21 and Subsequent Years/Permissive Increase Local Expenditures Exceeds \$224,000/FY19-20/Permissive Exceeds \$144,000/FY20-21 and Subsequent Years/Permissive Other Fiscal Impact TBR Institutions could realize a significant decrease in student enrollment in future years; however, the immediate fiscal impact to any one institution is considered not significant. Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. 4-29-121, all health related boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. The EMS Board had a deficit of \$113,546 in FY16-17 and a deficit of \$149,731 in FY17-18.

*Senate Status:* 04/17/19 - Set for Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee 04/23/19.

*House Status:* 04/04/19 - House passed with amendment 1 (004808).

**SB267/HB123 CRIMINAL LAW: Allows county fire investigators to make arrests and carry a pistol or sidearm.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Reeves, Shane , Rep. Terry, Bryan

*Summary:* Permits county fire investigators who have been authorized by the chief of the county-wide fire department or the director of fire services to conduct investigations into arson to now have the ability to make arrests and carry a pistol or sidearm.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated March 9, 2019) Increase Local Expenditures - \$13,000/One-Time\* \$11,900/Recurring\*

*Senate Status:* 04/17/19 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 04/23/19.

*House Status:* 04/18/19 - Set for House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee 04/23/19.

**SB384/HB304 PROFESSIONS & LICENSURE: Exempts armed forces members and their spouses from licensure requirements.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Lundberg, Jon , Rep. Bricken, Rush

*Summary:* Exempts armed forces members stationed within this state and their spouses from licensure requirements to practice professions and occupations regulated by the department of commerce and insurance and the department of health, subject to meeting certain requirements to practice.

*Amendment Summary:* Senate amendment 1 (005769) deletes and rewrites all language after the enacting clause such that the substantive changes are as follows: (1) a qualifying person must register with the state agency administering the profession and subject themselves in writing to the jurisdiction of such agency in respect to harms or violations of statutes and rules; (2) a qualifying individual must apply for licensure if such license expires in the state of issuance, or within one year of practicing in Tennessee, whichever comes first; (3) regulatory boards under the Department of Health (DOH) are not required to provide license exemption under this legislation; and (4) deletes prerequisite that a person must have left employment to accompany a spouse to this state in order to qualify for an expedited full license under a DOH regulatory board. House amendment 2 (006630) specifies the person or spouse holds a valid license to practice the regulated occupation or profession issued by another state or jurisdiction having reasonably similar standards for licensure.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 28, 2019) Decrease State Revenue Exceeds \$1,000/Health Regulatory Boards Exceeds \$1,000/Commerce Regulatory Boards

*Senate Status:* 04/15/19 - Senate concurred in House amendment 2 (006630).

*House Status:* 04/08/19 - House passed with amendment 2 (006630).

*Executive Status:* 04/18/19 - Sent to governor.

**SB385/HB390 HEALTH CARE: Study on the feasibility of promoting and implementing medical interoperability.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Reeves, Shane , Rep. Baum, Charlie

*Summary:* Requires the department of health to study the feasibility of promoting and implementing medical interoperability in this state. Requires the department to report on its findings and recommendations, along with any legislative or executive actions needed, no later than December 31, 2019.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated March 26, 2019) Increase State Expenditures \$95,000/One-Time

*Senate Status:* 02/06/19 - Referred to Senate Health & Welfare Committee.

*House Status:* 02/06/19 - Referred to House Public Health Subcommittee.

**SB422/HB493 CRIMINAL LAW: Carrying of handguns by firefighters and emergency medical technicians.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Hensley, Joey , Rep. Doggett, Clay

*Summary:* Allows firefighters and emergency medical technicians to carry handguns while engaged in official duties if pursuant to a written directive by the executive supervisor of the organization to which the person is attached or employed.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated March 20, 2019) Other fiscal impact Public employers of participating firefighters and EMTs will incur increases in liability insurance premiums; the extent and timing of any such impact cannot be determined with reasonable certainty.

*Senate Status:* 02/06/19 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

*House Status:* 02/04/19 - Withdrawn in House.

**SB438/HB519 LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Tennessee Firefighter Cancer Act.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Bell, Mike , Rep. Hill, Timothy

*Summary:* Establishes the Tennessee Firefighter Cancer Act. Creates rebuttable presumption that a firefighter's cancer that causes a disabling health condition is a result of the firefighter's duties under certain criteria. Criteria consists of being exposed to heat or fumes, completing five or more years in service, and unable to perform duties as a result of cancer. Allows firefighter to receive the benefit of the presumption for four months for each full year of classified service but is limited to a maximum of 120 months following termination. Permits an employer to require a firefighter to submit to a pre-employment and annual medical examination that screens for cancer.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated March 17, 2019) Increase State Expenditures -- \$100,000/FY19-20 \$200,000/FY20-21 \$300,000/FY21-22 \$400,000/FY22-23 \$500,000/FY23-24 and Subsequent Years Exceeds \$10,000/Claims Commission Increase Local Expenditures Exceeds \$1,000,000\*

*Senate Status:* 04/09/19 - Taken off notice in Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

*House Status:* 04/10/19 - Taken off notice in House Local Committee.

### **SB619/HB800 CRIMINAL LAW: Carrying of handgun by firefighter or emergency medical technician.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Hensley, Joey , Rep. Doggett, Clay

*Summary:* Permits any person employed in emergency management or as a firefighter or emergency medical technician to carry a handgun while engaged in the performance of the person's official duties. Requires such person to successfully complete a firearm training program of at least eight hours duration on an annual basis.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated March 9, 2019) Other fiscal impact Public employers of participating firefighters and EMTs will incur increases in liability insurance premiums; the extent and timing of any such impact cannot be determined with reasonable certainty.

*Senate Status:* 02/07/19 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

*House Status:* 03/13/19 - Taken off notice in House Constitutional Protections & Sentencing Subcommittee.

### **SB624/HB551 VETERANS & MILITARY AFFAIRS: Facilitating Business Rapid Response to State Declared Disaster Act.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Watson, Bo , Rep. Hazlewood, Patsy

*Summary:* Establishes taxes and fees to be paid by responding out-of-state businesses and protections for out-of-state businesses and their employees.

*Amendment Summary:* Senate amendment 1 (004404) deletes and rewrites all language in the original bill after the caption such that the only substantive change is deleting the provisions that out-of-state purchases brought into Tennessee by out-of-state businesses are not subject to the use tax. House State Committee amendment 1 (006693) deletes and rewrites all language in the original bill after the caption such that the only substantive changes are: deleting the provisions that out-of-state purchases brought into Tennessee by out-of-state businesses are not subject to the use tax; and including fuel supply systems, including such systems for gasoline, diesel, bio-diesel, heating fuel, jet fuel, and propane, to part of the definition of "critical infrastructure".

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated March 3, 2019) Decrease State Revenue \$160,700 Decrease Local Revenue \$69,100

*Senate Status:* 03/18/19 - Senate passed with amendment 1 (004404).

*House Status:* 04/18/19 - Set for House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee 04/23/19.

### **SB662/HB1270 PUBLIC FINANCE: Reports on the effects of and plans for reductions in federal funding.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Watson, Bo , Rep. Holt, Andy

*Summary:* Requires certain state agencies and political subdivisions prepare and submit reports to the department of finance and administration regarding the effects of and plans for reductions in federal funding.

*Amendment Summary:* House amendment 2 (005971) removes the requirements for a political subdivision developing a contingency plan; specifies that the required reports must be prepared in 2019, 2021, and 2023; and provides that this bill as amended will be repealed on July 1, 2024.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 15, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Senate Status:* 04/17/19 - Set for Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee 04/23/19.

*House Status:* 03/18/19 - House passed with amendment 2 (005971).

### **SB793/HB937 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES: Increases first responder pay supplements.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Johnson, Jack , Rep. Lamberth, William

*Summary:* Increases the pay supplement from \$600 to \$800 for police officers and firefighters who complete 40 hours of in-service training. Part of Administration Package.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 27, 2019) Increase State Expenditures - \$4,305,600/FY19-20 Exceeds \$4,305,600/FY20-21 and Subsequent Years

*Senate Status:* 03/28/19 - Senate passed.

*House Status:* 04/04/19 - House passed.

*Executive Status:* 04/09/19 - Sent to governor.

### **SB1022/HB1367 HEALTH CARE: Joint report regarding current status of emergency medical services for children.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Reeves, Shane , Rep. Tillis, Rick

*Summary:* Authorizes the joint report regarding the current status of emergency medical services for children prepared by the board for licensing health care facilities and the emergency medical services board to be submitted electronically. Broadly captioned.

*Amendment Summary:* Senate Health and Welfare Committee amendment 1, House amendment 1 (005272) rewrites this bill to authorize a person who is licensed, registered, or certificated to provide emergency medical services in this state and who is required by statute or rule to keep proof of their license, registration, or certification on their person to satisfy that requirement by providing the proof by electronic means.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 8, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Senate Status:* 04/18/19 - Set for Senate Floor 04/22/19.  
*House Status:* 04/10/19 - House passed with amendment 1 (005272).

**SB1085/HB1027 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES: Pay supplement for firefighters.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Dickerson, Steven , Rep. Lynn, Susan  
*Summary:* Increases to \$700 the pay supplement for firefighters who complete a rank appropriate, in-service training course of at least 40 hours duration at a school established by the firefighter commission.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated March 6, 2019) Increase State Expenditures - \$684,800  
*Senate Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/13/19 - Referred to House Cities & Counties Subcommittee.

**SB1114/HB1120 GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION: Creates the state government advisory task force on community resilience.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Yarbro, Jeff , Rep. Freeman, Bob  
*Summary:* Creates the state government advisory task force on extreme weather and community resilience consisting of 24 members. Requires the task force to assess the historical, present, and projected occurrence of natural catastrophes and extreme weather events in this state and to examine present and projected losses associated with the occurrence of extreme weather events and other natural catastrophes in this state. Also requires the task force to develop recommendations to address vulnerabilities and adverse impacts associated with the occurrence of extreme weather events and other natural catastrophes in this state. Requires the task force to develop recommendations to increase resilience to extreme weather events and other natural catastrophes in this state.  
*Amendment Summary:* Senate Government Operations Committee amendment 1 (006755) makes technical changes, clarifies requirements for memberships, staggering, and term limits, and establishes and end date of July 1, 2020. House State Committee amendment 1 (006554) deletes and rewrites all language of the bill such that the only substantive changes are: replacing the two legislative members of the task force with one member appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and one member appointed by the Speaker of the Senate; changing the date in which the task force is required to report its findings to the General Assembly from every February 1 to July 1, 2020; and repealing the task force on July 1, 2020.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated March 19, 2019) Increase State Expenditures \$2,100  
*Senate Status:* 04/16/19 - Senate State & Local Government Committee deferred to TACIR.  
*House Status:* 04/09/19 - House State Committee deferred to TACIR for study.

**SB1219/HB1416 VETERANS & MILITARY AFFAIRS: Possession of portable electronics in emergency management camps.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Niceley, Frank , Rep. Towns Jr., Joe  
*Summary:* Declares that a person being housed in a camp or shelter maintained by the federal, Tennessee, or local emergency management agency is authorized to possess personal items and portable electronic devices including phones and laptops.  
*Amendment Summary:* Senate State & Local Government Committee amendment 1, House amendment 1 (006310) rewrites the bill to permit mobile telephones in camps or shelters organized or maintained by federal or Tennessee emergency management agencies, or local emergency management agencies.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated March 11, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Senate Status:* 04/16/19 - Senate State & Local Government Committee recommended with amendment 1 (006310), which rewrites the bill to permit mobile telephones in camps or shelters organized or maintained by federal or Tennessee emergency management agencies, or local emergency management agencies. Sent to Senate Calendar Committee.  
*House Status:* 04/15/19 - House passed with amendment 1 (006310).

**SB1268/HB1440 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES: Compensation for law enforcement officers - death in line of duty.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Pody, Mark , Rep. Todd, Chris  
*Summary:* Requires that a law enforcement officer receive compensation for death in the line of duty when the officer dies while commuting to and from the officer's place of residence.  
*Amendment Summary:* Senate Judiciary Committee amendment 1, House State Committee amendment 1 (006924) deletes all language after the enacting clause. Requires denials of certain claims to be reviewed by the Tennessee Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Commission within 90 days of the denial.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated March 29, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Senate Status:* 04/17/19 - Set for Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee 04/23/19.  
*House Status:* 04/18/19 - Set for House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee 04/23/19.

**SB1349/HB527 HEALTH CARE: Furnishing of patient records related to ambulance services.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Yager, Ken , Rep. Reedy, Jay  
*Summary:* Decreases from five to three business days the amount of time that an ambulance service provider has to furnish to a patient or a patient's authorized representative a copy of the patient's run record or records upon request in writing by the patient or representative. Broadly captioned.

*Amendment Summary:*

Senate amendment 1 (005531) extends the Ground Ambulance Provider Assessment Act until June 30, 2020. Requires the Division of TennCare (division) to charge an ambulance provider a penalty of \$50 per calendar day for each day an assessment remains unpaid in full after the date due. Authorizes the Division to waive penalties for a delinquent provider if the provider has entered into a payment plan approved by the Division. Authorizes the Division to reinstate the waived penalties if the provider fails to comply with the terms of the payment plan.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 11, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Senate Status:* 04/04/19 - Senate passed with amendment 1 (005531).  
*House Status:* 04/10/19 - House passed.  
*Executive Status:* 04/16/19 - Sent to governor.

**SB1351/HB1359 TAXES SALES: Reallocates sales and use tax revenues.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Yager, Ken , Rep. Calfee, Kent

*Summary:* Allocates state sales and use tax revenues from the construction of a uranium processing facility that is funded by the U.S. Department of Energy to an eligible industrial development corporation that submits a completed application to the commissioner of finance and administration together with an application fee in an amount established by the department. Establishes requirements for such allocation.

*Amendment Summary:* Senate Finance Revenue Subcommittee amendment 1 (006045) apportions and distributes an amount, if a training facility is constructed in a city where a uranium processing facility is located and it is in the best interest of the state as defined, to the industrial development corporation (IDC) representing the country in which the city lies in an amount equal to the amount of state tax revenue derived that is attributable to taxable activities at the training facility. Requires the apportioned and distributed amount be for the exclusive use of the IDC for the indebtedness incurred by the IDC in financing the construction of the training facility. Limits distribution to the point the IDC retires the debt on the training facility, or the IDC receives \$15,000,000 whichever occurs sooner. Apportions and distributes an amount, if a conference facility is constructed in a city where a federal science and energy museum is located and it is in the best interest of the state as defined, to the IDC representing the city in an amount equal to the amount of state tax revenue derived that is attributable to taxable activities at the conference facility. Requires the apportioned and distributed amount, be for the exclusive use of the IDC for the indebtedness incurred by the IDC in financing the construction of the conference facility. Limits distributions to the point the IDC retires the debt on the conference facility, or the IDC receive \$2,900,000, whichever occurs sooner. Requires the Commissioner of the Department of Revenue, on or before May 1 of each year to submit a report annually to the Finance, Ways and Means Committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives, the State and Local Government Committee of the Senate, the State Government Committee of the House of Representatives, and the Office of Legislative Budget Analysis, regarding each allocation of tax revenues in the proposed legislation.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated March 1, 2019) Decrease State Revenue \$1,000,000/Each FY19-20 through FY38-39 Increase Local Revenue - \$1,000,000/Each FY19-20 through FY38-39 Other Fiscal Impact The Department of Finance and Administration will receive an unknown amount of application fee revenue as a result of this legislation. The extent and timing of any such increase in revenue is unknown.

*Senate Status:* 04/17/19 - Set for Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee 04/23/19.  
*House Status:* 04/17/19 - Taken off notice in House Finance, Ways & Means Committee.

**SB1395/HB518 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES: Creates program awarding grants to volunteer firefighter departments for purchase of equipment.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Bell, Mike , Rep. Hill, Timothy

*Summary:* Creates a program managed by the commissioner of commerce and insurance to annually award grants to volunteer fire departments for the purchase of firefighting equipment or to meet local match requirements for federal grants for such purchases.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 16, 2019) Increase State Expenditures \$127,900/FY19-20 \$255,700/FY20-21 and Subsequent Years Decrease Local Expenditures \$127,900/FY19-20 \$255,700/FY20-21 and Subsequent Years

*Senate Status:* 04/17/19 - Set for Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee 04/23/19.  
*House Status:* 04/18/19 - Set for House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee 04/23/19.

**SB1441/HB373 ENVIRONMENT & NATURE: Increases the amount of days within a fire must be reported.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Bailey, Paul , Rep. Boyd, Clark

*Summary:* Increases the required time a fire must be reported to the commissioner of health from 10 days to 15 days after an occurrence of a fire by the officer whose jurisdiction the fire took place in. Broadly captioned.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 13, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Senate Status:* 04/16/19 - Taken off notice in Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/06/19 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.