

Department of Planning and Budget 2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB149

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron: Reeves

3. Committee: Finance

4. Title: Health insurance plan, local option; participation of regional emergency medical services councils.

5. Summary: Authorizes regional emergency medical services councils to participate in the local option health insurance plan.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary – see Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: The proposed legislation is not expected to have a state fiscal impact; however, the proposed legislation may have a fiscal impact for localities. According to the Department of Human Resource Management, passage of this bill would place The Local Choice Program (TLC) at risk of losing its Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA) exemption. Assuming TLC lost its ERISA exemption; start-up costs for complying with ERISA are estimated to range from \$25,000 to \$30,000. The agency would also incur ongoing costs for compliance, which cannot be determined at this time.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Human Resource Management, Administration of Health Insurance, and localities.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.