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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6331**

**BILL NUMBER: SB 87**

**NOTE PREPARED: Feb 18, 2010**

**BILL AMENDED: Feb 16, 2010**

**SUBJECT:** Suspensions or Terminations of EMS Personnel.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Tallian

**FIRST SPONSOR:** Rep. Moseley

**BILL STATUS:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading - 2<sup>nd</sup> House

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL**  
                              **DEDICATED**  
                              **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** Local

**Summary of Legislation:** (Amended) The bill provides that a medical director of a police or fire department or a volunteer fire department must provide a written explanation to an individual who is a member of the department, and as a condition of employment or appointment, holds a certification to provide emergency medical services, if the medical director refuses or fails to supervise or attest to the competency of the individual to provide emergency medical services or suspends the individual from performing emergency medical services.

It provides that, before a department takes any employment- or appointment-related action against the individual, the individual is entitled to a hearing and appeal of the medical director's refusal, failure, or suspension. The bill requires the board or commission hearing the appeal to consult with an independent medical expert, who must have certain qualifications in order to determine whether the individual followed the applicable emergency medical services protocol, if the medical director's action that is the subject of the appeal is based on a health care decision made by the individual in performing emergency medical services.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2010.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** If requested, departments could require additional administrative time to conduct appeal hearings allowed by the bill. Additional expenditures may be required for expert testimony fees.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:** Police, fire, and volunteer fire departments.

**Information Sources:**

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