CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT
DIGEST FOR ESB 224

Citations Affected: Noncode.

Synopsis: Emergency ambulance services report. Conference committee report for ESB 224. Requires the state department of health, the division of fire and building safety, and the Indiana emergency medical services commission to report to the health finance commission before October 1, 2012, concerning specified information on ambulances and emergency medical services. Requires the agencies to consult with entities that may be affected by a proposal being considered for the report. **(This conference committee report removes language that did the following: (1) Provided a process for approval of an entity that is approved by a national accrediting body to provide certain services under home and community based services waivers. (2) Provided that a physician who is employed or under contract with certain county or city hospitals is considered to be a public servant who is not subject to certain conflict of interest prohibitions. (3) Exempted the health and hospital corporation from following certain procedures in the sale, lease, or disposal of property. (4) Added the violations of failing to disclose, or negligently omitting, documentation requested for license renewal to the list of violations for which the medical licensing board of Indiana may investigate and assess a civil penalty against a physician.)**

Effective: July 1, 2012.

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MADAM PRESIDENT:

Your Conference Committee appointed to confer with a like committee from the House upon Engrossed House Amendments to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 224 respectfully reports that said two committees have conferred and agreed as follows to wit:

that the Senate recede from its dissent from all House amendments and that the Senate now concur in all House amendments to the bill and that the bill be further amended as follows:

Delete the title and insert the following:

A BILL FOR AN ACT concerning health.

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012] **(a) Not later than October 1, 2012, the state department of health established by IC 16-19-1-1, the division of fire and building safety established by IC 10-19-7-1, and the Indiana emergency medical services commission created by IC 16-31-2-1 shall report to the health finance commission established by IC 2-5-23-3 orally and in writing. The report must cover the following matters related to emergency services:**

(1) Policies and procedures for calling and responding to 911 calls for emergency medical services, including the determination of what type of health care emergency service provider should respond to the call.

(2) Any requirements or guidelines for equipment that should be on an ambulance or other emergency services vehicle that is necessary to respond to the emergency medical needs of an individual.

(3) Ambulance response time for emergency calls.

(4) Ambulance transportation procedures.

(5) Procedures and policies for health facilities to obtain

emergency and non-emergency medical transportation for health facility residents.

(6) How ambulance coverage is affected by ambulances that are subject to geographic or jurisdictional limits within a county, city, town, or township.

(7) Procedures or policies for determining to which hospital a patient is transported.

(8) A review of the state trauma care system.

(b) In preparing the report required by subsection (a), the agencies described in subsection (a) shall consult with entities that may be affected by the proposals being considered for the report.

(c) This SECTION expires December 31, 2012.

(Reference is to ESB 224 as reprinted March 1, 2012.)

Conference Committee Report
on
Engrossed Senate Bill 224

Signed by:

Senator Miller Chairperson	Representative Brown T
Senator Rogers	Representative Brown C
Senate Conferees	**House Conferees**