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Senate Bill 885 (as reported without amendment)
Sponsor: Senator Tom Casperson
Committee: Health Policy

CONTENT

The bill would amend Part 209 (Emergency Medical Services) of the Public Health Code to do the following:

- Require the Department of Community Health (DCH) to authorize a medical control authority to establish enhanced protocols for emergency medical services (EMS) personnel, if certain conditions were met.
- Permit a medical control authority to establish an enhanced protocol without following Department procedures for an ordinary protocol.
- Provide that a medical control authority could allow a life support agency to use all types of licensed EMS personnel, and require the authority to develop written protocols for the use of personnel.
- Require the Department to convene and support a rural EMS task force to evaluate the provision of prehospital emergency medical services in rural areas.
- Require the task force to give the DCH a comprehensive rural EMS status and recommendation report within 14 months after the bill's effective date.

Specifically, a medical control authority could establish the enhanced procedures if all of the following conditions were met:

- The DCH reviewed the enhanced protocols before implementation.
- The enhanced protocols were used in a region for which a medical control authority had been designated by the DCH.
- The personnel subject to the enhanced protocols received training for the new skill, technique, procedure, or equipment.
- The medical control authority monitored the events when the enhanced protocols were used.
- The medical control authority collected data as necessary and submitted the data to the DCH for inclusion in a repository of enhanced protocols.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would result in administrative costs to the DCH, which would have to review enhanced protocols, collect and retain data, and convene and support a task force. Each action would result in minor costs to the Department.

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