

HB 868 -- REGIONAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

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Currently, any district providing emergency services is entitled to reimbursement from the special allocation fund in the amount of 50% to 100% of the district's tax increment. This bill authorizes an ambulance district board, a fire protection district board, or an emergency telephone service 911 board to set the reimbursement rate prior to the time the assessment is paid into the special allocation fund.

The bill allows any city, county, or city not within a county to establish a community paramedic advisory committee to assist with the establishment and growth of a community paramedic certification program. The membership of the committee may include, but not be limited to, registered nurses, home health personnel, primary care professionals, hospital professionals, public health department professionals, or local health department professionals.

The bill allows an ambulance service or emergency medical response agency to provide community paramedic services.

If the Department of Health and Senior Services investigates a complaint against an ambulance services and emergency personnel licensee, the department, prior to interviewing the licensee, must explain to the licensee that he or she has the right to:

- (1) Consult legal counsel or have legal counsel present;
- (2) Have anyone present whom he or she deems to be necessary or desirable; and
- (3) Refuse to answer any question or refuse to provide or sign any written statement.

All complaints, investigatory reports, and information pertaining to an applicant; a holder of any certificate, permit or license; or other individual are confidential and must only be disclosed upon the written consent of the person whose records are involved or to other administrative or law enforcement agencies acting within the scope of their statutory authority.