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**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS
2024 REGULAR SESSION**

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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}

Check all that apply:

Original Amendment
Correction Substitute

Date 2/5/2024

Bill No: STBTC SB 151

Sponsor: Campos/Woods/Diamond
Brantley
Short Premium Tax to Emergency
Title: Services Fund

Agency Name
and Code DFA 34100
Number: _____
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY24	FY25		
	\$22,000	Nonrecurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY24	FY25	FY26		
	(\$22,000)	(\$22,000)	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY24	FY25	FY26	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total						

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:
Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Senate Bill 151 (SB151) amends Section 7-1-6.62 NMSA 1978, Distribution Premium Tax, adding a ten percent distribution to the Emergency Medical Services Fund, along with current distributions made to the Law Enforcement Protection Fund and the Fire Protection Fund from the health insurance premium tax. SB151 also amends Section 24-10A-3 NMSA 1978, adding “distributions” as an allowable deposit of funds into the Emergency Medical Services Fund.

The bill goes into effect July 1, 2025.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

SB151 STBTC committee substitute appropriates \$22 million from the general fund to the EMS fund in FY25 and the 10% distributions from the Premium Tax will go into effect on July 1, 2025, and is estimated to bring in approximately \$22 million per year starting in FY26.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The EMS Fund currently averages \$10 thousand to entities that apply for the grant, however there is a shortfall when it comes to the extent that the fund can be used for by those local levels. Adding the EMS fund to the distribution can create allowances needs at the local level for more uses. Due to lack of funding, not all New Mexico Public Safety Answering Point’s (PSAP’s) are emergency medical dispatch (EMD) certified and capable to provide pre-arrival instructions. EMD can assist in providing immediate care before first responders arrive on scene. Many of the rural communities who lack field responders, and highly rely on volunteers to respond are some of the PSAP’s who do not have the capacity for EMD.

Increasing the EMS fund and having allowances for EMD at PSAP’s coupled with grants allocated to PSAP’s from the E-911 Bureau at the DFA aligns with the goals of NM to provide essential emergency response services and improve public safety. This funding should increase EMS capacity across the state and decrease response times.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

SB151 Duplicates HB258

SB151 is in companionship with SB21 and HB88, the local firefighter recruitment, as it seeks to recruit more firefighter and emergency medical technician personnel to reduce response times.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

ALTERNATIVES

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

AMENDMENTS