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TO: Honorable Charles Schwertner, Chair, Senate Committee on Health & Human Services

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB1407** by Sheffield (Relating to the establishment of the emergency medical services assistance program.), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated from provisions of the bill related to establishment and administration of the emergency medical services assistance program. The fiscal impact of providing financial and educational assistance to eligible emergency medical services providers cannot be determined because insufficient information is available.

The Act would only take effect if funds are appropriated specifically for this purpose in a general appropriations act by the 85th Legislature.

The bill would amend the Health and Safety Code relating to the establishment of the emergency medical services assistance program. Based on the LBB's analysis of the Department of State Health Services and the Health and Human Services Commission, duties and responsibilities associated with implementing and administering the EMS assistance program could be accomplished by utilizing existing resources.

Based on LBB analysis, the identified funding source for the emergency medical services assistance program, General Revenue-Dedicated Account No. 5046, is anticipated to be depleted during the 2018-19 biennium.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2017.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 529 Health and Human Services Commission, 537 State Health Services, Department of, 710 Texas A&M University System Administrative and General Offices, 720 The University of Texas System Administration, 781 Higher Education Coordinating Board

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