

**LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY**  
**OFFICE OF FISCAL AND MANAGEMENT ANALYSIS**  
**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6944**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1251

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 1, 2026

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Emergency Ambulance Services.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. O'Brien

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**

**GENERAL  
DEDICATED  
FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** Local

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill specifies that emergency medical services, including emergency ambulance services, are essential services in Indiana. It specifies that the provision of emergency medical services is an essential purpose of political subdivisions.

This bill also requires the county commissioners of each county to: (1) identify areas that are unserved by emergency ambulance services; and (2) provide emergency ambulance services to those areas by establishing a county emergency ambulance service, contracting with a public, private, or nonprofit provider of emergency ambulance services, or by any other available means.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2026.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** The bill may increase expenditures and workload for a county to the extent the county commissioners identify areas of the county that are unserved by emergency ambulance services and determine how to establish the service to the unserved area. Expenditures will vary depending on the county's decision on contracting, establishing, or entering into an interlocal cooperation agreement for ambulance service. The county is not required to appropriate county revenues to provide the service if it can be provided through other means.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:** Counties.

**Information Sources:**

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