

SB3975



103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2023 and 2024

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Introduced 10/16/2024, by Sen. Kimberly A. Lightford

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

210 ILCS 50/3.22

Amends Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems Act. Extends the final report deadline for the EMT Training, Recruitment, and Retention Task Force from September 1, 2024 to February 1, 2025. Effective immediately.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems
5 Act is amended by changing Section 3.22 as follows:

6 (210 ILCS 50/3.22)

7 Sec. 3.22. EMT Training, Recruitment, and Retention Task
8 Force.

9 (a) The EMT Training, Recruitment, and Retention Task
10 Force is created to address the following:

11 (1) the impact that the EMT and Paramedic shortage is
12 having on this State's EMS System and health care system;

13 (2) barriers to the training, recruitment, and
14 retention of Emergency Medical Technicians throughout this
15 State;

16 (3) steps that the State of Illinois can take,
17 including coordination and identification of State and
18 federal funding sources, to assist Illinois high schools,
19 community colleges, and ground ambulance providers to
20 train, recruit, and retain emergency medical technicians;

21 (4) the examination of current testing mechanisms for
22 EMRs, EMTs, and Paramedics and the utilization of the
23 National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians,

1 including current pass rates by licensure level, national
2 utilization, and test preparation strategies;

3 (5) how apprenticeship programs, local, regional, and
4 statewide, can be utilized to recruit and retain EMRs,
5 EMTs, and Paramedics;

6 (6) how ground ambulance reimbursement affects the
7 recruitment and retention of EMTs and Paramedics; and

8 (7) all other areas that the Task Force deems
9 necessary to examine and assist in the recruitment and
10 retention of EMTs and Paramedics.

11 (b) The Task Force shall be comprised of the following
12 members:

13 (1) one member of the Illinois General Assembly,
14 appointed by the President of the Senate, who shall serve
15 as co-chair;

16 (2) one member of the Illinois General Assembly,
17 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

18 (3) one member of the Illinois General Assembly,
19 appointed by the Senate Minority Leader;

20 (4) one member of the Illinois General Assembly,
21 appointed by the House Minority Leader, who shall serve as
22 co-chair;

23 (5) 9 members representing private ground ambulance
24 providers throughout this State representing for-profit
25 and non-profit rural and urban ground ambulance providers,
26 appointed by the President of the Senate;

1 (6) 3 members representing hospitals, appointed by the
2 Speaker of the House of Representatives, with one member
3 representing safety-net hospitals and one member
4 representing rural hospitals;

5 (7) 3 members representing a statewide association of
6 nursing homes, appointed by the President of the Senate;

7 (8) one member representing the State Board of
8 Education, appointed by the House Minority Leader;

9 (9) 2 EMS Medical Directors from a Regional EMS
10 Medical Directors Committee, appointed by the Governor;
11 and

12 (10) one member representing the Illinois Community
13 College Systems, appointed by the Minority Leader of the
14 Senate.

15 (c) Members of the Task Force shall serve without
16 compensation.

17 (d) The Task Force shall convene at the call of the
18 co-chairs and shall hold at least 6 meetings.

19 (e) The Task Force shall submit its final report to the
20 General Assembly and the Governor no later than February 1,
21 2025 ~~September 1, 2024~~, and upon the submission of its final
22 report, the Task Force shall be dissolved.

23 (Source: P.A. 103-547, eff. 8-11-23; 103-563, eff. 11-17-23.)

24 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
25 becoming law.