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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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Primary Sponsors: Reps. Ferguson and K. Miller

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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Highlights

- Any costs incurred by the state or a local government related to the transport of an injured police dog would be a function of a local government exercising its authority to permit its ambulances to be used for that purpose.

Detailed Analysis

The bill permits an authorized ambulance driver to transport a police dog¹ injured in the line of duty to a veterinarian for further treatment if no other human person requires emergency transport by ambulance at the same time. The bill also provides the same qualified immunity for such an ambulance driver that applies under existing law to emergency medical responders providing services to a dog (or cat) that is transferred to a veterinarian in an emergency medical or fire response or in aiding law enforcement.

To the extent that a local government chooses to permit the transport of injured police dogs by ambulance, the local government providing transportation and/or law enforcement agency that owns the injured dog may incur costs related to transportation. The bill does not specify whether the local government providing the ambulance transportation would absorb the costs or whether they would bill the law enforcement agency for services.

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¹ According to K9s4COPs, a nonprofit organization that provides grant funding to assist public safety agencies nationwide obtain police dogs, the cost to purchase and train a police dog can range from \$15,000 to \$45,000.