

**LOCAL
FISCAL IMPACT**

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Prime Sponsor(s): Sen. Balmer

Bill Status: Senate Judiciary

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TITLE: CONCERNING THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF CERTAIN COMMUNICATIONS AMONG EMERGENCY RESPONDERS.

| Fiscal Impact Summary | FY 2013-2014 | FY 2014-2015 |
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| State Revenue | | |
| State Expenditures | | |
| FTE Position Change | | |
| Effective Date: August 7, 2013, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 8, 2013, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed. | | |
| Appropriation Summary for FY 2013-2014: None. | | |
| Local Government Impact: See Local Government Impact section. | | |

Summary of Legislation

This bill prevents certain emergency personnel from testifying in court about information provided during the course of peer support services, without the consent of the recipient of peer support. It applies to emergency service providers, members of a rescue unit, members designated as part of a emergency medical service provider's peer support team, or members designated as part of a rescue unit's support team. The bill also requires recipient of peer support consent when his or her testimony is requested in court.

State Expenditures

This requirement is already provided for firefighters and law enforcement acting in an official capacity. Extending the requirement to these medical professionals is not anticipated to effect workload or costs to any state agency.

Local Government Impact

This bill is expected to minimally increase local government expenditures. It requires that certain medical personnel who provide support services understand this statutory change, as well as their peers who receive support. This requires some level of training and update of training manuals, and may entail explaining how the information exchanged may be used in court.

Departments Contacted

Counties
Law

Municipalities
Public Health and Environment

Judicial
Public Safety