

**Senate File 444 - Introduced**

SENATE FILE 444  
BY COMMITTEE ON STATE  
GOVERNMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 1257)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to emergency services by conducting a study  
2 concerning modernization, reform, and regionalization of  
3 financing, education and training of providers, reporting  
4 requirements, tax credits for personnel, governance reform,  
5 and governing boards and commissions.  
6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. STUDY ON EMERGENCY SERVICES.

2 1. The department of public health, in consultation with  
3 other agencies as the department deems appropriate, shall  
4 study the condition of emergency services in the state.

5 The department of public health shall consider and make  
6 recommendations on all of the following:

7 a. A method for modernizing, reforming, and regionalizing  
8 the financing of emergency services to ensure adequate  
9 resources for the provision of emergency services.

10 b. A method by which to provide a comprehensive approach  
11 to emergency services training and education to ensure  
12 standardization and support.

13 c. A method by which to streamline reporting requirements  
14 for emergency medical services providers.

15 d. The adequacy of the volunteer fire fighter and volunteer  
16 emergency medical services personnel tax credit and whether  
17 another method of incenting Iowans is needed to ensure  
18 financial rewards and encourage more Iowans to consider  
19 emergency services positions.

20 e. A method for providing an alternate governance structure  
21 with an option for regional emergency services delivery.

22 f. The current state boards and commissions and whether the  
23 emergency services community is adequately represented with  
24 other public safety professionals.

25 2. The department of public health shall submit a report  
26 regarding the findings and recommendations resulting from the  
27 study to the general assembly by December 15, 2015.

28 EXPLANATION

29 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
30 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

31 This bill relates to emergency services by requiring the  
32 department of public health to conduct a study concerning  
33 modernization, reform, and regionalization of financing  
34 for emergency services, education and training of emergency  
35 services providers, reporting requirements, tax credits for

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1 personnel, governance reform, and current governing boards and  
2 commissions. The bill requires the department of public health  
3 to submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the  
4 general assembly by December 15, 2015.