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## **OLR Bill Analysis**

### **SB 429**

#### ***AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION.***

#### **SUMMARY**

This bill sets requirements for how the Department of Social Services (DSS) calculates mileage to reimburse ambulance services under the state medical assistance program (which includes Medicaid). Specifically, the bill requires the DSS commissioner to calculate out-of-district mileage for these services based on an ambulance's distance traveled with the patient onboard from the point of patient pickup to the destination, rounded to the nearest one-tenth of a mile.

The bill allows an ambulance service to use any reasonable and verifiable method to document mileage, including global positioning system (GPS) data, navigation or dispatch computer systems, or commercially available mapping routing programs. Under the bill, the DSS commissioner must require ambulance service providers to maintain mileage documentation in the patient care record, including a trip report with the patient's name, street address, pickup point, and destination.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2026

#### **COMMITTEE ACTION**

Human Services Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 23    Nay 0    (03/19/2026)