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To:	Human Services Subcommittee
From:	Emily Coates, Legislative Fiscal Office
Date:	June 11, 2025
Subject:	HB 3243 – Relating to billing for ground transportation Work Session Recommendations

The measure prohibits a ground ambulance service from charging enrollees who have paid the in-network cost-sharing amount specified in their health benefit plan for covered ground ambulance services. Health benefit plans are required to reimburse ground ambulance service organizations at the established local rate, or if unavailable, at a minimum of 325% of the Medicare rate. Ground ambulance service organizations must submit a catalog of their local rates to the Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS) annually and within five days of any rate change. DCBS is required to maintain and publish a public database of these local rates. The measure grants DCBS the authority to impose civil penalties of up to \$1,000 for violations of related rules.

The -A4 amendment provides \$502,113 Other Funds expenditure limitation for the 2025-27 biennium to DCBS for two permanent full-time positions (1.76 FTE) to implement the measure.

## Amendment

LFO recommends adoption of the -A4 amendment.

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MOTION: I move adoption of the –A4 amendment to HB 3243. (vote)
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## **Final Subcommittee Action**

LFO recommends that HB 3243, as amended by the –A4 amendment, be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

# MOTION: I move HB 3243, as amended, to the Full Committee with a do pass recommendation. (vote)

#### Carriers

