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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2260**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Wood**

February 18, 2016

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An act to add Section 1797.228 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to emergency medical services.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2260, as amended, Wood. Emergency medical services.

Existing law, the Emergency Medical Services System and the Prehospital Emergency Medical Care Personnel Act, governs local emergency medical services (EMS) systems. The act establishes the Emergency Medical Services Authority, which is responsible for the coordination and integration of all state agencies concerning emergency medical services. Existing law requires a local EMS agency to plan, implement, and evaluate an emergency medical services system, as specified, and authorizes the local EMS agency to develop and submit a plan to the authority for an emergency medical services system according to prescribed guidelines that address data collection and evaluation, among other things.

This bill would require the authority, ~~on or~~ before January 1, 2018, ~~to provide or designate a single central repository for air ambulance providers to submit specified standardized health records, including data elements identified by the authority~~ *determine a single set of data elements and formatting for air ambulance providers to submit to local EMS agencies, after consulting with air ambulance providers and local EMS agencies.* The bill would authorize the authority to ~~modify those data elements as the authority determines is necessary.~~ *reconvene these*

*stakeholders annually to modify the elements and formatting of the data.* The bill would prohibit the authority from mandating that an air ambulance provider use a specific electronic health record system to collect and share data with the authority, and would require the authority to provide a local EMS agency with direct access to the data from the ~~single central repository.~~ *a local EMS agency.* The bill would prohibit a local EMS agency from requiring additional data reporting from an air ambulance provider once the ~~single central repository data set~~ has been established.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
 State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 1797.228 is added to the Health and  
 2 Safety Code, immediately following Section 1797.227, to read:  
 3 1797.228. ~~(a) On or before January 1, 2018, the authority shall~~  
 4 ~~provide or designate a single central repository for air ambulance~~  
 5 ~~providers to submit standardized National Emergency Medical~~  
 6 ~~Services Information System (NEMSIS) and California Emergency~~  
 7 ~~Medical Services Information System (CEMSIS) compliant~~  
 8 ~~electronic health records, including data elements identified by~~  
 9 ~~the authority after consulting with local EMS agencies. The~~  
 10 ~~authority may modify the data elements required by this~~  
 11 ~~subdivision as the authority determines is necessary.~~  
 12 1797.228. (a) (1) *Before January 1, 2018, the authority shall*  
 13 *determine a single set of data elements and formatting for air*  
 14 *ambulance providers to submit to local EMS agencies.*  
 15 (2) (A) *The authority shall convene interested stakeholders for*  
 16 *the purpose of determining the single set of data elements and*  
 17 *formatting.*  
 18 (B) *Stakeholders shall include representatives of the local EMS*  
 19 *agencies, air ambulance providers, and the authority. The authority*  
 20 *may reconvene the stakeholders annually to modify the elements*  
 21 *and formatting of the data.*  
 22 (3) *The data elements and formatting shall comply with the*  
 23 *National EMS Information System (NEMSIS) and California EMS*  
 24 *Information System (CEMSIS) electronic health record.*

1 (b) The authority shall not mandate that an air ambulance  
2 provider use a specific electronic health record system to collect  
3 and share data with the ~~authority.~~ *local EMS agency.*

4 ~~(e) The authority shall provide a local EMS agency with direct~~  
5 ~~access to the data from the single central repository provided or~~  
6 ~~designated pursuant to subdivision (a).~~

7 ~~(d) Once the single central repository described in subdivision~~  
8 ~~(a) has been established, a local EMS agency shall not require~~  
9 ~~additional data reporting from an air ambulance provider.~~

10 (c) *In addition to submitting data to the local EMS agency, an*  
11 *air ambulance provider shall submit data directly to the authority*  
12 *if the authority requests it.*

13 (d) *After the single data set described in subdivision (a) has*  
14 *been established, a local EMS agency shall not require additional*  
15 *data elements or formatting from an air ambulance provider.*