SB-920
AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR VARIOUS REVISIONS TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH STATUTES.

AMENDMENT

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OFA Fiscal Note

No Fiscal Impact

The amendment makes technical changes to the underlying bill and adds language to it that, among other provisions, make Department of Public Health (DPH) inspections for nationally accredited outpatient clinics necessary every four years, instead of every three years, which is not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact to the State or municipalities. Outpatient clinic licensing requirements and associated fees remain unchanged by the amendment.

There is no fiscal impact to the Department of Public Health’s Office of Emergency Services to: (1) authorize emergency medical services (EMS) organizations to establish mobile integrated health care programs, and (2) establish rates for EMS transport to medically appropriate, alternative destinations to emergency rooms. To the extent that the rates associated with transport to alternative destinations impact ambulance rates reimbursed by various payers, such as municipalities or Medicaid, there could be a fiscal impact to the State and municipalities. The fiscal impact will depend on the rates established, the number of eligible beneficiaries who utilize them, and the number of patients diverted from emergency rooms to alternate destinations. The amendment is not anticipated to directly impact the
State and municipal health plans, as it does not require insurance coverage for these services.

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