

**Committee on Public Health**  
**Bill Summary**

<b>Bill No.</b>	H4076
<b>Title:</b>	<i>An Act establishing a special commission on emergency medical services</i>
<b>Sponsor:</b>	Representative Leigh Davis
<b>Committee:</b>	Public Health
<b>Hearing Date:</b>	June 25, 2025
<b>Similar Matters:</b>	None
<b>Prior History:</b>	New file
<b>Reporting Deadline:</b>	August 24, 2025
<b>Current Law:</b>	None

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(a) establishes a special commission to study and guide the implementation of EMS as an essential service in the commonwealth.

(b) Outlines commission membership:

- The Secretary of Health and Human Services or their designee, who shall serve as chair
- The director of the Massachusetts Office of Emergency Medical Services or their designee
- 1 member appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives from an urban emergency medical service agency
- 1 member appointed by the President of the Senate from a rural emergency medical service agency
- 6 members appointed by the Governor
  - 2 from regional emergency medical services councils
  - 2 public health experts with experience in emergency medical services
  - 1 representative from a hospital-based emergency medical services provider and
  - 1 member of the public with lived experience as a recipient of emergency medical services
- 1 member from the Massachusetts Municipal Association, Inc
- 1 member appointed by the Fire Chiefs' Association of Massachusetts, Inc.
- 2 members appointed by the director of the Massachusetts Office of Emergency Medical Services:
  - 1 emergency medical technician
  - 1 paramedic

- 1 member from the Massachusetts Ambulance Association, Inc.

(c) requires commission appointments to be completed and the first meeting to take place by July 1, 2026. The commission must meet quarterly.

(d) requires the commission to hold at least 2 public hearings to gather input from EMS providers, municipal leaders, and the public.

(e) outlines the work of the commission, including:

- Assessing the current state of EMS coverage, funding and workforce capacity throughout the state
- Identifying and addressing disparities in EMS availability and response times in underserved communities
- Developing recommendations for sustainable funding models
- Evaluating and proposing strategies for regionalization and shared services to improve efficiency and resource utilization, in collaboration with regional EMS councils
- Recommending measures to address EMS workforce shortages, including incentives for recruitment, training and retention of EMS personnel and instructors
- Developing a framework for performance metrics and accountability standards for EMS agencies throughout the state

(f) requires the Office of Emergency Medical Services to provide administrative and technical support to the commission.

(g) permits the commission to request data, reports or other information from state agencies, regional EMS councils and local governments as needed to carry out its duties.

(h) requires the commission to submit a report with the results of the study and recommendations to the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Joint Committee on Public Health, the House and Senate Committees on Ways and Means, and the clerks of the House of Representatives and the Senate. The report is due 15 months after this act's effective date.