



## PEHP Response

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### **SB0085 - Secure Transport Designation Amendments**

Any Fiscal Impact - no

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This bill would create a new designation of nonemergency secured behavioral health transport vehicles and licenses. Our experience suggests that this should result in cost savings to the State Health Insurance Pool, assuming that rates do not change and the opportunity to transport patients through these providers increases. So far, PEHP has contracted with at least one entity that provides these services at a rate that is about third the cost of comparable ground transport by ambulance, with about 100 PEHP members impacted annually. The bill does not require PEHP to use these services providers, nor does it set prices for these services.