

HF696 - 0 - Rural EMS Uncompensated Care Pool Payment Program

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State Fiscal Impact	Yes	No
Expenditures	X	
Fee/Departmental Earnings		X
Tax Revenue		X
Information Technology		X
Local Fiscal Impact		X

This table shows direct impact to state government only. Local government impact, if any, is discussed in the narrative. Reductions shown in the parentheses.

State Cost (Savings)	Biennium			Biennium		
	Dollars in Thousands	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029
General Fund	-	3,000	-	-	-	-
Total	-	3,000	-	-	-	-
Biennial Total			3,000			-

Full Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)	Biennium			Biennium	
	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029
General Fund	-	.02	-	-	-
Total	-	.02	-	-	-

LBO Analyst's Comment

I have reviewed this fiscal note for reasonableness of content and consistency with the LBO's Uniform Standards and Procedures.

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State Cost (Savings) Calculation Details

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*Transfers In/Out and Absorbed Costs are only displayed when reported.

State Cost (Savings) = 1-2		Biennium		Biennium	
Dollars in Thousands	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029
General Fund	-	3,000	-	-	-
Total	-	3,000	-	-	-
	Biennial Total		3,000		-
1 - Expenditures, Absorbed Costs*, Transfers Out*					
General Fund					
Expenditures	-	3,003	-	-	-
Absorbed Costs	-	(3)	-	-	-
Total	-	3,000	-	-	-
	Biennial Total		3,000		-
2 - Revenues, Transfers In*					
General Fund					
Total	-	-	-	-	-
	Biennial Total		-		-

Bill Description

This bill creates a rural EMS uncompensated care pool, that would provide payments to ambulance services for EMS responses in which a patient is not transported to a hospital emergency department, and did not receive payment from any source for the patient encounter. \$3,000,000 is appropriated to the fund for FY26.

This \$3,000,000 would be disbursed to ambulance services via a formula based on the number of emergency 911 responses for which they responded to, but ultimately did not transport a patient to a hospital emergency department. Funding would be allocated to ambulance services on a sliding scale based on the number of qualifying responses. The bill specifies that in order for a response to be considered for inclusion that no payment could be received by the ambulance service for that response.

Assumptions

This note assumes that no reporting is required by the ambulance services receiving the funds, and further assumes that there are no limitations on how ambulance service licensees can utilize the funds received. Additional reporting or monitoring beyond how much and to whom funding was paid would alter the costs associated with this note.

Expenditure and/or Revenue Formula

Preparation of application process: 2 hours Deputy Director @\$54.50 per hour \$109 + 25% Fringe \$27.25= \$136.25

Technical assistance with assisting ambulance services with application process 30 hours EMS specialists @ \$47.05 per hour \$1,411.50 + 25% Fringe \$352.87= 1,764.37

Reviewing applications and validating EMS response volume against state ambulance reporting system 6 hours data analyst @ \$54.60 per hour \$327.60 + 25% fringe \$81.90= \$409.50

Preparing payments for processing and final audits 4 hours Deputy Director @\$54.50 per hour \$218 + 25% Fringe \$54.50= \$272.50

FY26 total administrative costs are \$2,582.62. The Office has the ability to absorb these funds and doing so will not

displace any resources needed for other activities planned by the Office.

Long-Term Fiscal Considerations

No long-term financial considerations as this is a one time appropriation.

Local Fiscal Impact

N/A

References/Sources

N/A

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