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Subject Fire protection and emergency medical services aid**Authors** Dotseth and others**Analyst** Jared Swanson**Date** April 7, 2025**Summary**

This bill establishes a new state aid to fire protection and emergency medical services special taxing districts. Each district's annual aid amount would be equal to 50 percent of the district's average certified property tax levy from the last five years. If these amounts exceed the annual appropriation for the aid, each district's aid would be proportionally reduced so that the total aid spent matches the appropriation. The bill annually appropriates \$3,110,000 for the aid.

Background: Fire protection and emergency medical services special taxing districts are established by two or more political subdivisions (county, city, or township) to provide fire protection and emergency medical service within those jurisdictions. General authority to establish these districts was created in 2021. Prior to that, districts could only be created with special legislation.