

Subject Emergency medical services task force; appropriations

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Overview

This bill establishes an emergency medical services task force and appropriates money for the task force and for ambulance service personnel training programs and a volunteer retention program.

Summary

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1	Emergency medical services task force.
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Establishes an emergency medical services task force to evaluate and make recommendations on the provision of emergency medical services in Minnesota.

Subd. 1. Establishment; duties. Establishes the task force and directs it to make recommendations on how to improve and modernize the provision of emergency medical services in the state; needed changes to education or training requirements; and how to coordinate ambulance service operations with the needs of hospitals.

Subd. 2. Membership. Establishes task force membership, requires members to be appointed by August 1, 2020, and provides that compensation and reimbursement for expenses are governed by section 15.059, subdivision 3.

Subd. 3. Co-chairpersons; meetings. Designates the task force members appointed by the House speaker and the Senate majority leader as the co-chairpersons of the task force, requires the first meeting to be convened by August 15, 2020, and makes task force meetings subject to the Open Meeting Law.

Subd. 4. Administrative support. Directs the Health Department to provide administrative support to the task force.

Subd. 5. Report. Requires the task force to submit a written report to the members of certain legislative committees by January 1, 2022.

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Subd. 6. Expiration. Makes the task force expire upon submission of the required report or January 1, 2022, whichever is later.

2 Appropriations.

Makes the following appropriations:

- appropriates \$250,000 in FY 2021 from the general fund to the commissioner of health for the task force;
- appropriates \$200,000 in FY 2021 from the general fund to the commissioner of employment and economic development for a grant program to promote retention of ambulance service volunteers and volunteer reserve officers;
- appropriates \$250,000 in FY 2021 from the general fund to the commissioner of education for a grant program for ambulance service personnel training programs for secondary school students;
- appropriates \$100,000 in FY 2021 from the general fund to the commissioner of education for a grant program for first aid, CPR, and other ambulance service personnel training programs offered through community education programs; and
- appropriates \$150,000 in fiscal year 2021 from the general fund to the Board of Trustees of Minnesota State Colleges and Universities for ambulance service personnel training programs offered at state colleges.



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