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Overview

This bill establishes a medical response unit reimbursement pilot program and appropriates money from the Cooper/Sams volunteer ambulance trust to that program and other emergency medical services programs.

Section

- 1 Medical Response Unit Reimbursement Pilot Program.** Requires the Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board (EMS Board) to work with the Minnesota Ambulance Association (MAA) to create a medical response unit reimbursement pilot program. Specifies a variety of requirements for the pilot program, including but not limited to, the following:
 - the MAA, with the Minnesota Fire Chief's Association and the Minnesota Council of Health plans, must identify no more than five medical response units to participate in the program and outline criteria for reimbursement;
 - individual entities licensed to provide ambulance services are not eligible for participation in the program;
 - if a participating medical response unit withdraws from the program, the MAA may select another similarly operating unit to complete the program; and
 - the program expires December 31, 2011, or when the appropriation is expended.
- 2 Appropriations to the Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board; Commissioner of Veterans Affairs.** Provides appropriations for fiscal year 2010 from the Cooper/Sams volunteer ambulance trust to a variety of EMS programs.
 - Subd. 1. Regional medical services program.** Transfers \$800,000 from the Cooper/Sams volunteer ambulance trust in fiscal year 2010 to the emergency medical services system fund and appropriates that amount to the EMS Board for regional

emergency medical services programs. Requires that this appropriation is distributed equally among the eight regions.

Subd. 2. Comprehensive advanced life-support educations (CALS) program. Appropriates \$100,000 from the Cooper/Sams volunteer ambulance trust in fiscal year 2010 to the EMS Board for the CALS program.

Subd. 3. Emergency Medical Services for children (EMS-C) program. Appropriates \$100,000 from the Cooper/Sams volunteer ambulance trust in fiscal year 2010 to the EMS Board for the EMS-C program.

Subd. 4. Veterans paramedic apprenticeship program. Appropriates \$200,000 from the Cooper/Sams volunteer ambulance trust in fiscal year 2010 to the Commissioner of Veterans Affairs for a grant to the MAA for a veterans paramedic apprenticeship program.

Subd. 5. Medical response unity reimbursement pilot program. Appropriates \$250,000 from the Cooper/Sams volunteer ambulance trust in fiscal year 2010 to the EMS Board for the medical response unit reimbursement program created under section 1. Provides that \$20,000 of this amount is for administrative costs to the EMS Board and \$230,000 if for a grant to the MAA for the program. Specifies that \$200,000 of this grant amount is for reimbursements under this program and \$30,000 is for administrative costs to the MAA.