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Bill Summary

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Overview

This bill transfers administration authority of the regional emergency medical services program grants from the Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board (EMSRB) to the commissioner of health. The bill also appropriates an unspecified amount of money to the grant program from the general fund.

Section

1 Emergency Medical Services Fund. § 144E.50

Subd. 1. Citation. No changes.

Subd. 2. Establishment and purpose. Makes conforming changes to change administration of the grant program from the EMSRB to the commissioner of health. Includes cost-effective trauma care and supporting training standards to the list of general purposes of the grant.

Subd. 3. Definitions. Creates definitions for the commissioner, grantees, regional emergency medical services program grants, and time-sensitive syndromes.

Subd. 4. Use and restrictions. (a) Replaces the ability to use grant funds for care with particular emphasis on improving emergency trauma and cardiac care and training with the care of time-sensitive syndromes.

(b) Requires each grantee to establish a committee to provide oversight to the program, consisting of specified representatives.

Section

Subd. 5. Distribution. Removes the requirement that 95 percent of the fund be distributed and that the systems be governed by a body of representatives. Adds that the commission may award up to eight grants with only one per region (the requirement of eight regional grants was previously included in the distribution duties of the EMSRB).

Subd. 6. Audits. Removes subdivision. Subdivision previously required grantees to be audited by an independent auditor.

2 Use of levy proceeds. Amends § 144F.01, subdivision 5. Removes cross-reference to section 144E.52, which is repealed under this bill.

3 Appropriation; special account. Amends § 169.686, subdivision 3. Adds requirement that money from fund that collects seatbelt violation fees be evenly distributed among the grantees. Removes reference to the EMSRB and makes conforming changes.

4 Appropriations.

Subd. 1. Appropriates an unspecified amount of general fund money in fiscal year 2016 and 2017 to the commissioner of health for the emergency medical services program. Requires an unspecified amount of the appropriation in each fiscal year to be used by the commissioner for program operating expenses.

Subd. 2. Allows an unspecified amount of money appropriated to the emergency medical services relief account (via the seatbelt violation fee) to be used by the commissioner for program operating expenses.

5 Revisor's instruction. Instructs the revisor to make conforming changes.

6 Repealer. Repeals section 144E.52 (funding for emergency medical services regions).