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Overview

This bill appropriates \$250,000 in fiscal year 2016 from the general fund to the commissioner of health for grants to train and educate emergency medical services persons and to purchase opiate antagonists for the purposes of responding to an opioid or heroin overdose.

Section

1 Steve's law grant program; appropriation.

(a) Appropriates \$250,000 in fiscal year 2016 to the commissioner of health from the general fund to fund grants related to opioid or heroin overdose. The grants are to be used to educate and train emergency medical services persons and may be used to purchase opiate antagonists. States the appropriation is a one-time appropriation and is available through September 1, 2016.

(b) Requires that the grant funds be distributed proportionately to the eight regional emergency medical services programs based on the need of that region. Requires the commissioner to determine the need of a region by utilizing existing data. Requires the programs to submit an application to the commissioner by September 1, 2015.

(c) Defines opiate antagonist for purposes of this section.