

Subject Reimbursement to ambulance services for education costs

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Overview

The Office of Emergency Medical Services administers a program to reimburse ambulance services for the initial education costs and continuing education costs of volunteer emergency medical technicians (EMTs). This bill modifies eligibility for reimbursement to allow reimbursement to all ambulance services that apply for reimbursement and that responded to 5,000 or fewer calls in the previous year, allows ambulance services to obtain reimbursement for emergency medical responder (EMR) initial education and continuing education costs, increases the maximum reimbursement amounts for EMT initial and continuing education courses, and removes the requirement that the costs must be for the education costs of volunteers.

Summary

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| 1 | <p>Reimbursement to ambulance services for education costs.</p> <p>Amends § 144E.35. Modifies a program to reimburse ambulance services for certain initial education and continuing education costs, by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ modifying eligibility for reimbursement from ambulance services staffed with volunteers to all ambulance services that apply for reimbursement and that responded to 5,000 or fewer calls in the most recent calendar year;▪ allowing ambulance services to obtain reimbursement for initial EMR education courses and EMR continuing education courses, in addition to initial EMT education courses and EMT continuing education courses as in current law, and setting maximum reimbursement amounts for EMR courses;▪ increasing the maximum reimbursement amounts for EMT initial and continuing education courses; and |
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- removing the requirement that reimbursement must be for training costs of volunteers.

A new subdivision 3 provides if the state cannot meet its financial obligations under this section, the director must discontinue reimbursement under this section until the state is again able to meet its financial obligations.

2 Appropriations.

Appropriates \$100,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$100,000 in fiscal year 2027 from the general fund to the Office of Emergency Medical Services for the program to reimburse ambulance services for ambulance attendant education costs.



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