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H.B. No. 1407

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the establishment of the emergency medical services assistance program.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 773, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Subchapter I to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER I. EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Sec. 773.251. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter:

(1) "Educational curriculum" means a distance-learning emergency medical services curriculum that provides remote courses of instruction and training to emergency medical services personnel who serve a rural area.

(2) "Postsecondary educational institution" means any institution, public or private, which provides courses of instruction beyond that offered in secondary schools.

(3) "Program" means the emergency medical services assistance program established under this subchapter.

Sec. 773.252. ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM. (a) The department shall establish the emergency medical services assistance program to provide financial and educational assistance to eligible emergency medical services providers.

(b) The program includes grants to eligible emergency medical services providers and an educational curriculum to provide training to rural emergency medical services personnel.

1 Sec. 773.253. RULES. (a) The executive commissioner shall
2 adopt rules necessary to implement this subchapter, including rules
3 for:

- 4 (1) determining eligibility under the program;
5 (2) establishing requirements for the educational
6 curriculum; and
7 (3) establishing requirements for a postsecondary
8 educational institution that develops and offers the educational
9 curriculum.

10 (b) The rules must require that:

- 11 (1) an emergency medical services provider
12 demonstrate financial need to be eligible for assistance under the
13 program;
14 (2) a postsecondary educational institution applying
15 to offer the educational curriculum demonstrate the qualifications
16 necessary to develop and offer the educational curriculum; and
17 (3) the educational curriculum provide to rural
18 emergency medical services personnel the remote instructional
19 courses and training necessary for the personnel to achieve
20 department certification under Subchapter C.

21 Sec. 773.254. APPLICATION BY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
22 PROVIDER. (a) An emergency medical services provider may apply to
23 the department in the form and manner provided by department rule to
24 receive assistance under the program.

25 (b) If the department determines an applicant is eligible
26 for assistance under the program, the department may provide a
27 grant under Section 773.257 to the applicant.

1 Sec. 773.255. EDUCATIONAL CURRICULUM. (a) A postsecondary
2 educational institution may apply to the department in the form and
3 manner provided by department rule to develop and offer the
4 educational curriculum under this subchapter.

5 (b) The department may contract with not more than three
6 qualified postsecondary educational institutions to develop and
7 offer the educational curriculum under this subchapter.

8 Sec. 773.256. ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT. The department may
9 provide administrative support to the program.

10 Sec. 773.257. GRANTS. (a) The commissioner may use money
11 from the permanent fund for emergency medical services and trauma
12 care established under Section 403.106, Government Code, to provide
13 grants, in addition to funding available from other sources, to
14 emergency medical services providers applying for assistance under
15 the program or to provide funding to a postsecondary educational
16 institution offering the educational curriculum under this
17 subchapter.

18 (b) The commissioner shall ensure that at least 60 percent
19 of the grants provided under this section are provided to emergency
20 medical services providers that serve a rural area.

21 (c) The executive commissioner by rule shall establish a
22 procedure for the Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council to
23 establish priorities for issuance of grants under this section.

24 (d) The department shall distribute grants under this
25 section in accordance with the requirements of Subsection (b) and
26 the grant priorities established under Subsection (c).

27 SECTION 2. Section 542.4031, Transportation Code, is

1 amended by amending Subsections (g) and (h) and adding Subsection
2 (h-1) to read as follows:

3 (g) Of the money received by the comptroller under this
4 section, the comptroller shall deposit:

5 (1) 63.67 [~~67~~] percent to the credit of the
6 undedicated portion of the general revenue fund; [~~and~~]

7 (2) 33 percent to the credit of the designated trauma
8 facility and emergency medical services account under Section
9 780.003, Health and Safety Code; and

10 (3) 3.33 percent to the credit of the permanent fund
11 for emergency medical services and trauma care under Section
12 403.106, Government Code.

13 (h) Notwithstanding Subsection (g)(1), in any state fiscal
14 year the comptroller shall deposit 63.67 [~~67~~] percent of the money
15 received under Subsection (e)(2) to the credit of the general
16 revenue fund only until the total amount of the money deposited to
17 the credit of the general revenue fund under Subsection (g)(1) and
18 Section 780.002(b), Health and Safety Code, equals \$250 million for
19 that year. If in any state fiscal year the amount received by the
20 comptroller under those laws for deposit to the credit of the
21 general revenue fund exceeds \$250 million, the comptroller shall
22 deposit the additional amount to the credit of the Texas mobility
23 fund.

24 (h-1) Notwithstanding Subsection (g)(3), if in any state
25 fiscal year the amount received by the comptroller under that
26 subsection for deposit to the credit of the permanent fund for
27 emergency medical services and trauma care exceeds \$3 million, the

1 comptroller shall deposit the additional amount to the credit of
2 the general revenue fund.

3 SECTION 3. Section 542.4031, Transportation Code, as
4 amended by this Act, applies only to the distribution of revenue
5 collected on or after the effective date of this Act. The
6 distribution of revenue collected before the effective date of this
7 Act is governed by the law in effect at the time the revenue was
8 collected, and that law is continued in effect for the purpose of
9 the distribution of that revenue.

10 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.