

Amend HB 3000 (senate committee report) in SECTION 1 of the bill, in added Section 130.914, Local Government Code, as follows:

(1) In added Subsection (a)(3) (page 1, line 40), strike "rural area" and substitute "qualified county".

(2) In added Subsection (a) (page 1, between lines 31 and 32), insert the following appropriately numbered subdivision in the subsection and renumber subsequent subdivisions of the subsection accordingly:

() "Ambulance" means a vehicle registered with the Department of State Health Services as an emergency medical service provider vehicle.

(3) In added Subsection (c) (page 1, line 47), between "county" and "may", insert ", on behalf of a qualified rural ambulance service provider,".

(4) In added Subsection (c) (page 1, lines 49 through 51), strike the final sentence of the subsection and substitute the following:

If a county is awarded a grant under the grant program for a qualified rural ambulance service provider, the qualified rural ambulance service provider is ineligible to receive additional grant funds under the grant program from another qualified county in the same fiscal year.

(5) In added Subsection (d) (page 1, line 54), strike "contract" and substitute "written agreement".

(6) In added Subsection (d) (page 1, line 57 through page 2, line 1), strike the final sentence of the subsection, including Subdivisions (1) and (2) of the subsection, and substitute the following:

In awarding the grants, the comptroller shall consider the county's ability to otherwise obtain the money necessary to provide adequate ground ambulance services, including considering for the county the average:

(1) per capita taxable property value;

(2) per capita income; and

(3) unemployment rate.

(7) In added Subsection (f) (page 2, line 10), between "ambulances" and "as", insert ", including necessary accessories

and modifications,".

(8) In added Subsection (h) (page 2, lines 19 and 20), immediately following the second sentence of that subsection, insert "Until an ambulance becomes available for purchase, the county may deposit the grant funds in an interest bearing account and may treat any resulting proceeds as grant funds under the grant program.".

(9) In added Subsection (h)(2)(C) (page 2, line 27), immediately following the underlined semicolon, insert "and".

(10) In added Subsection (h)(3)(B) (page 2, line 33), strike "section; and" and substitute "section.".

(11) Strike added Subsection (h)(4) (page 2, lines 34 and 35).