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## SENATE BILL No. 169

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DIGEST OF SB 169 (Updated February 8, 2023 11:19 am - DI 140)

**Citations Affected:** IC 16-18; IC 16-31; noncode.

**Synopsis:** Grants for ambulance purchase. Establishes the rural community ambulance grant pilot program and fund. Provides that the program and fund are administered by the emergency medical services commission (commission). Provides that the commission shall award grants on a competitive basis. Makes an appropriation.

**Effective:** July 1, 2023.

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January 9, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Health and Provider Services.  
February 9, 2023, reported favorably — Do Pass; reassigned to Committee on Appropriations.

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First Regular Session of the 123rd General Assembly (2023)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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## SENATE BILL No. 169

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning public safety and to make an appropriation.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1           SECTION 1. IC 16-18-2-143, AS AMENDED BY P.L.1-2010,  
2 SECTION 69, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 143. (a) "Fund", for purposes of IC 16-26-2, has  
4 the meaning set forth in IC 16-26-2-2.  
5           (b) "Fund", for purposes of IC 16-31-8.5, has the meaning set forth  
6 in IC 16-31-8.5-2.  
7           (c) **"Fund", for purposes of IC 16-31-14, has the meaning set**  
8 **forth in IC 16-31-14-1.**  
9           ~~(c)~~ (d) "Fund", for purposes of IC 16-41-39.4, refers to the  
10 childhood lead poisoning prevention fund established by  
11 IC 16-41-39.4-3.1.  
12           ~~(d)~~ (e) "Fund", for purposes of IC 16-41-39.8, refers to the lead trust  
13 fund established by IC 16-41-39.8-7.  
14           ~~(e)~~ (f) "Fund", for purposes of IC 16-46-5, has the meaning set forth  
15 in IC 16-46-5-3.  
16           ~~(f)~~ (g) "Fund", for purposes of IC 16-46-12, has the meaning set  
17 forth in IC 16-46-12-1.

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1           (g) (h) "Fund", for purposes of IC 16-41-42.2, has the meaning set  
2 forth in IC 16-41-42.2-2.

3           (h) (i) "Fund", for purposes of IC 16-35-8, has the meaning set forth  
4 in IC 16-35-8-2.

5           SECTION 2. IC 16-18-2-294.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.208-2015,  
6 SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
7 JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 294.5. (a) **"Program", for purposes of  
8 IC 16-31-14, has the meaning set forth in IC 16-31-14-2.**

9           (a) (b) "Program", for purposes of IC 16-40-4, has the meaning set  
10 forth in IC 16-40-4-3.

11           (b) (c) "Program", for purposes of IC 16-41-7.5, has the meaning set  
12 forth in IC 16-41-7.5-2.

13           (c) (d) "Program", for purposes of IC 16-47-1, has the meaning set  
14 forth in IC 16-47-1-3.

15           SECTION 3. IC 16-31-2-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.170-2022,  
16 SECTION 25, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
17 JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 7. (a) The commission shall do the following:

18           (1) Develop and promote, in cooperation with state, regional, and  
19 local public and private organizations, agencies, and persons, a  
20 statewide program for the provision of emergency medical  
21 services that must include the following:

22           (A) Preparation of state, regional, and local emergency  
23 ambulance service plans.

24           (B) Provision of consultative services to state, regional, and  
25 local organizations and agencies in developing and  
26 implementing ambulance service programs.

27           (C) Promotion of a statewide system of emergency medical  
28 service facilities by developing minimum standards,  
29 procedures, and guidelines in regard to personnel, equipment,  
30 supplies, communications, facilities, and location of such  
31 centers.

32           (D) Promotion of programs for the training of personnel  
33 providing emergency medical services and programs for the  
34 education of the general public in first aid techniques and  
35 procedures. The training shall be held in various local  
36 communities of the state and shall be conducted by agreement  
37 with publicly and privately supported educational institutions  
38 or hospitals licensed under IC 16-21, wherever appropriate.

39           (E) Promotion of coordination of emergency communications,  
40 resources, and procedures throughout Indiana and, in  
41 cooperation with interested state, regional, and local public  
42 and private agencies, organizations, and persons, the



- 1 development of an effective state, regional, and local  
 2 emergency communications system.
- 3 (F) Organizing and sponsoring a statewide emergency medical  
 4 services conference to provide continuing education for  
 5 persons providing emergency medical services.
- 6 (2) Regulate, inspect, and certify or license services, facilities,  
 7 and personnel engaged in providing emergency medical services  
 8 as provided in this article.
- 9 (3) Adopt rules required to implement an approved system of  
 10 emergency medical services.
- 11 (4) Adopt rules concerning triage and transportation protocols for  
 12 the transportation of trauma patients consistent with the field  
 13 triage decision scheme of the American College of Surgeons  
 14 Committee on Trauma.
- 15 (5) Apply for, receive, and accept gifts, bequests, grants-in-aid,  
 16 state, federal, and local aid, and other forms of financial  
 17 assistance for the support of emergency medical services.
- 18 (6) Employ necessary administrative staff.
- 19 **(7) Administer the rural community ambulance grant pilot  
 20 program and fund under IC 16-31-14. This subdivision  
 21 expires July 1, 2025.**
- 22 (b) The commission shall include the provision of the mental health  
 23 first aid training program developed under IC 12-21-5-4 in the  
 24 promotion of continuing education programs under subsection  
 25 (a)(1)(D).
- 26 SECTION 4. IC 16-31-14 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
 27 AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 28 JULY 1, 2023]:
- 29 **Chapter 14. Rural Community Ambulance Grant Pilot Program  
 30 and Fund**
- 31 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "fund" refers to the rural  
 32 community ambulance grant fund established by section 3 of this  
 33 chapter.**
- 34 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "program" refers to the rural  
 35 community ambulance grant pilot program established by section  
 36 4 of this chapter.**
- 37 **Sec. 3. (a) The rural community ambulance grant fund is  
 38 established for the purpose of providing grants under section 4 of  
 39 this chapter. Administrative expenses necessary to carry out this  
 40 chapter are also payable from the fund.**
- 41 **(b) The fund consists of:**
- 42 **(1) grants, gifts, and donations intended for deposit in the**



1 fund;

2 (2) appropriations to the fund from other sources; and

3 (3) interest that accrues from money in the fund.

4 (c) The fund shall be administered by the commission. The  
5 treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not currently  
6 needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same manner as  
7 public money is invested. Money in the fund at the end of a state  
8 fiscal year does not revert to the state general fund.

9 Sec. 4. (a) The rural community ambulance grant pilot program  
10 is established to provide grants to assist with the purchase of an  
11 ambulance in rural communities in accordance with section 5 of  
12 this chapter.

13 (b) The program is administered by the commission.

14 (c) The commission shall determine the manner in which an  
15 applicant may submit an application under section 5 of this  
16 chapter.

17 Sec. 5. (a) An applicant may submit an application to the  
18 commission if the applicant meets the following requirements:

19 (1) The applicant is located in a county with a population of  
20 less than thirty-five thousand (35,000).

21 (2) The applicant is:

22 (A) a nonprofit hospital with less than ninety (90) beds;

23 (B) a fire department, including a volunteer fire  
24 department, operated by a unit (as defined in  
25 IC 36-1-2-23); or

26 (C) an ambulance service operated by a unit (as defined in  
27 IC 36-1-2-23).

28 (3) The applicant demonstrates that at least fifty percent  
29 (50%) of the cost of the ambulance will be matched by the  
30 applicant.

31 (4) The applicant demonstrates a need for the ambulance and  
32 that the ambulance could not be purchased without the grant.

33 (b) Upon receipt of the applications, the commission may award  
34 grants on a competitive basis after reviewing the application  
35 information submitted under subsection (a). The commission shall  
36 give priority to communities with the most need of assistance under  
37 this chapter. The maximum grant that an applicant may receive  
38 under this chapter is fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000).

39 Sec. 6. This chapter expires July 1, 2025.

40 SECTION 5. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023] (a) There is  
41 appropriated to the rural community ambulance grant fund  
42 established by IC 16-31-14-3, as added by this act:



1           **(1) for the state fiscal year beginning after June 30, 2023, and**  
2           **ending before July 1, 2024, five hundred thousand dollars**  
3           **(\$500,000); and**  
4           **(2) for the state fiscal year beginning after June 30, 2024, and**  
5           **ending before July 1, 2025, five hundred thousand dollars**  
6           **(\$500,000);**  
7           **from the state general fund for use by the Indiana emergency**  
8           **medical services commission for its use in carrying out the purpose**  
9           **of the rural community ambulance grant fund.**  
10          **(b) This SECTION expires July 1, 2025.**



COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Health and Provider Services, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 169, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill DO PASS and be reassigned to the Senate Committee on Appropriations.

(Reference is to SB 169 as introduced.)

CHARBONNEAU, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 12, Nays 0

