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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Health and Human Services

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to emergency medical services; establishing an ambulance service training
1.3 and staffing grant program; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law
1.4 in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 144E.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. **[144E.38] AMBULANCE SERVICE TRAINING AND STAFFING GRANT**
1.7 **PROGRAM.**

1.8 Subdivision 1. **Definition.** For purposes of this section, "employee" has the meaning
1.9 given in section 181.960, subdivision 2.

1.10 Subd. 2. **Grant program.** The director must establish and administer a program to award
1.11 grants to eligible ambulance services for certain costs to train ambulance service employees
1.12 as emergency medical technicians and staff the ambulance service.

1.13 Subd. 3. **Eligible ambulance services.** To be eligible for a grant under this section, an
1.14 ambulance service must:

1.15 (1) be licensed under this chapter; and

1.16 (2) in the calendar year prior to the year in which the ambulance service first applies for
1.17 a grant under this section, have had at least 50 percent of its staffing provided by emergency
1.18 medical technicians.

1.19 Subd. 4. **Application.** An eligible ambulance service seeking a grant under this section
1.20 must apply to the director in a form and manner and according to a timeline specified by
1.21 the director. In its application, the eligible ambulance service must specify the number of

2.1 individuals it plans to hire using the grant money, the number of employee training hours
2.2 it plans to fund using the grant money, and other information required by the director.

2.3 Subd. 5. Allowable uses of grant money; maximum grant amount. (a) An ambulance
2.4 service must use grant money awarded under this section only for one or more of the
2.5 following:

2.6 (1) tuition for employees attending an emergency medical technician (EMT) education
2.7 program approved by the director;

2.8 (2) employee examination fees for EMT certification;

2.9 (3) fees for background studies for new EMT employees; and

2.10 (4) incurred wage and benefit costs of employees while attending an EMT education
2.11 program or program-related activities. Wage and benefit costs under this clause must be
2.12 commensurate with the wages and benefits the ambulance service provides to an entry-level
2.13 EMT and must not exceed \$26 per hour.

2.14 (b) The grant amount awarded to an ambulance service must not exceed the amount
2.15 needed for the costs in paragraph (a).

2.16 Subd. 6. Grant program oversight. An ambulance service receiving a grant under this
2.17 section must provide the director with information necessary for the director to administer
2.18 and evaluate the grant program.

2.19 Sec. 2. APPROPRIATION; AMBULANCE SERVICE TRAINING AND STAFFING
2.20 GRANT PROGRAM.

2.21 \$750,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$750,000 in fiscal year 2027 are appropriated from the
2.22 general fund to the Office of Emergency Medical Services for the ambulance service training
2.23 and staffing grant program under Minnesota Statutes, section 144E.38.