

HOUSE BILL 1765

By Shipley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4;  
Title 8; Title 9, Chapter 4; Title 38; Title 58 and  
Title 68, relative to emergency services.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Tennessee Emergency Services Stimulus Act of 2009".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 9, Chapter 4, Part 51, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

Section 9-4-5117.

(a)

(1) It is the intent of the general assembly to provide economic recovery assistance to support emergency services in Tennessee through a grant program administered by the department of finance and administration.

(2) Such program shall be made only from funds appropriated specifically for such purpose in a general appropriations act. Such funds may include moneys for emergency service programs provided to Tennessee under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, P.L. \_\_-\_\_.

(b) The department of finance and administration shall establish a grant program to support emergency services. Such grants may be used for personnel costs, training, equipment, supplies or any combination thereof. The following emergency services shall be eligible for grants under this section:

- (1) Fire departments;
  - (2) Volunteer fire departments;
  - (3) Rescue squads;
  - (4) Local law enforcement, including police and sheriff's departments;
  - (5) Emergency medical services; and
  - (6) Fire academies, including the East Tennessee Fire School.
- (c) Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, if grants are made with moneys available under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, P.L. \_\_-\_\_, all such grants awarded pursuant to this section shall be awarded in a manner consistent with any federal requirements for acceptance and use of such funds.

SECTION 3. The provisions of this act shall not be construed to be an appropriation of funds and no funds shall be obligated or expended pursuant to this act unless such funds are specifically appropriated by the general appropriations act.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.