

Introduced by

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Senator Lee

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for ambulance service operation funding.

2 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

3 **SECTION 1. AMBULANCE SERVICE OPERATION FUNDING DISTRIBUTION.**

4 Notwithstanding section 23-46-04, during the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, and ending
5 June 30, 2023, the state department of health, in consultation with the emergency medical
6 services advisory council, shall provide state financial assistance annually to each eligible
7 ambulance service operation pursuant to the following calculation:

8 1. The minimum reasonable budget for each operation must be determined by adding
9 the product of the operation's average number of runs for the two most recent fiscal
10 years multiplied by the median cost of a run. The cost of a run is determined using
11 statewide data. The minimum budget for each ambulance service operation may not
12 be less than \$60,000, or other base amount determined by the department.

13 2. The operation's grant amount must be determined by deducting the following amounts
14 from the operation's budget calculated under subsection 1:

15 a. The product of the operation's median number of runs for the two most recent
16 fiscal years multiplied by the average amount of reimbursement for a run. The
17 reimbursement amount for a run is determined using statewide data; and

18 b. The product of the property tax valuation, as provided by the county auditor, of
19 the operation's response area for the most recent taxable year multiplied by five
20 mills. If the response area covers multiple counties, the county auditor with the
21 most response area is responsible for coordinating with the other county auditors.

22 3. The department shall distribute a prorated share of the operation's calculated grant
23 amount if legislative appropriations for state financial assistance for emergency

- 1 medical services is not sufficient to provide full grant funding calculated under this
2 section.
- 3 4. An operation is not eligible to receive funding under this section if the operation's
4 average number of runs for the two most recent fiscal years is more than seven
5 hundred.