

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1038**

Introduced by

Legislative Council

(Insurance and Health Care Committee)

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 23-27-04.2 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
2 relating to state assistance to prehospital emergency medical services; and to provide an  
3 appropriation.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 23-27-04.2 of the 1997 Supplement to the North  
6 Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **23-27-04.2. Prehospital emergency medical services - State assistance.** The  
8 ~~health services branch~~ of the state department of health shall ~~assist~~ offer services and financial  
9 assistance in the training of personnel of certain prehospital emergency medical services as  
10 determined by the ~~branch~~ department and ~~financially~~ shall ~~assist~~ offer financial assistance to  
11 certain prehospital emergency medical services as determined by the ~~branch~~ department in  
12 obtaining equipment. ~~Assistance~~ No more than one-half of the funds appropriated by the  
13 legislative assembly each biennium and allocated for training assistance may be distributed in  
14 the first year of the biennium. Services and financial assistance provided under this section  
15 must be within the limits of legislative appropriation. The ~~health services branch~~ department  
16 shall adopt criteria for eligibility for services and financial assistance in the training of personnel  
17 of various types of prehospital emergency medical services and for financial assistance for  
18 equipment. To qualify for financial assistance for equipment acquisition, a prehospital  
19 emergency medical service shall certify, in the manner required by the ~~health services branch~~  
20 department, that the service has fifty percent of the amount of funds necessary for the identified  
21 equipment ~~acquisitions~~ acquisition. The ~~health services branch~~ department shall adopt a  
22 ~~schedule of eligibility~~ for distribution of financial assistance for equipment. The schedule must  
23 ~~provide for a direct relationship between the amount of funds certified and~~ consider the number  
24 of responses during the preceding calendar year for the purpose of rendering medical care,

1 transportation, or both, to individuals who were sick or incapacitated. ~~The schedule must~~  
2 ~~require that as the number of responses increases, a greater amount of funds certified is~~  
3 ~~required. The schedule must; consider the prehospital emergency medical service expenses~~  
4 ~~that are not dependent on response volume; and classify responses and the financial~~  
5 ~~assistance available for various classifications. The health services branch department may~~  
6 ~~establish minimum and maximum amounts of financial assistance to be provided a prehospital~~  
7 ~~emergency medical service under this section. If applications for financial assistance exceed~~  
8 ~~the amount of allocated and available funds, the health services branch department may~~  
9 ~~prorate the funds among the applicants in accordance with criteria adopted by the health~~  
10 ~~services branch department. No more than one half of the funds appropriated by the legislative~~  
11 ~~assembly each biennium and allocated for training assistance may be distributed in the first~~  
12 ~~year of the biennium.~~

13       **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** There is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in  
14 the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$3,800,000, or so  
15 much of the sum as may be necessary, to the state department of health for the purpose of  
16 defraying expenses of prehospital emergency medical services under section 1 of this Act, for  
17 the biennium beginning July 1, 1999, and ending June 30, 2001.