

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  
10 fiscalcalendar years multiplied by the median cost of a run. The cost of a run is  
11 determined using statewide data. The minimum budget for each ambulance service  
12 operation may not be less than \$60,000, or other base amount determined by the  
13 department.

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

16 a. The product of the operation's medianaverage number of runs for the two most  
17 recent fiscalcalendar years multiplied by the averagemedian amount of  
18 reimbursement for a run. The reimbursement amount for a run is determined  
19 using statewide data; and

20 b. The product of the property tax valuation, as provided to the state department of  
21 health by the county auditor no later than July thirty-first of each year, of the  
22 operation's response area for the most recent taxable year multiplied by five  
23 mills. If the response area covers multiple counties, the county auditor with the  
24 most response area is responsible for coordinating with the other county auditors.

- 1           3.    The department shall distribute a prorated share of the operation's calculated grant  
2           amount if legislative appropriations for state financial assistance for emergency  
3           medical services is not sufficient to provide full grant funding calculated under this  
4           section.
- 5           4.    An operation is not eligible to receive funding under this section if the operation's  
6           average number of runs for the two most recent fiscal years is more than seven  
7           hundred.