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**2025 LEGISLATIVE SESSION  
AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS**

**Section I: General**

**Chamber:** Senate  
**Number:** 197

**Category:** Bill  
**Type:** Introduced

**Date (of THIS analysis):** 1/30/2025  
**Sponsor(s):** Pete Campos  
**Short Title:** EMS System Improvement Loan Funding

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**Section II: Fiscal Impact**

**APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Appropriation Contained		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY 25	FY 26		
\$0	\$0	N/A	N/A

**REVENUE (dollars in thousands)**

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY 25	FY 26	FY 27		
\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A	N/A

**ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)**

	FY 25	FY 26	FY 27	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Non-recurring	Fund Affected
<b>Total</b>	\$	\$	\$	\$		

### Section III: Relationship to other legislation

Duplicates: None

Conflicts with: None

Companion to: None

Relates to: None

Duplicates/Relates to an Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act: None

### Section IV: Narrative

#### 1. BILL SUMMARY

a) Synopsis

Senate Bill 197 (SB197) proposes allowing funds from the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Fund to be redirected to the New Mexico Finance Authority for issuing bonds to provide loans for purchasing equipment related to EMS system improvement projects funded under the EMS Fund Act. Additionally, SB197 would permit municipalities and counties to use EMS Fund Special Project money to pay the interest and principal on EMS Special Project loans or bonds.

SB 197 proposes that EMS Fund money can be removed from the EMS Fund and given to the New Mexico Finance Authority to fund loans for special projects. The amount of money that could be removed is not specified.

Is this an amendment or substitution?  Yes  No

Is there an emergency clause?  Yes  No

b) Significant Issues

Currently, the EMS Fund Act (24-10A) EMS Fund Special Project money is distributed to EMS agencies after a grant application process that describes and justifies the project. The EMS Fund Act Regulation ([7.27.4 NMAC](#)) requires EMS regional advisory or governing board to review these applications and make recommendations to the Statewide EMS Advisory Committee. The regulation then requires the Statewide EMS Advisory Committee to review these applications and make recommendations to DOH as to the approval and funding of the special project. Monies are then allocated and distributed to the recipient as a grant. There is no expectation of repaying the funding and there is no loss of funding through the payment of interest.

Section 5 Part E proposes language that allows the state treasurer to remove funds from the EMS Fund and transfer it to the New Mexico Finance Authority. This is concerning as the EMS is currently administered by DOH and removing money from the EMS Fund will reduce the amount of funds distributed by the DOH to EMS agencies, including rural,

frontier, and tribal agencies. There is no limitation to the transfer of funds indicated. Reducing the EMS Fund will subsequently reduce both the local systems and special project funds available to all EMS agencies.

Section 5 Part E also proposes that funding removed from the EMS Fund can be used to fund projects that result from ordinance or resolutions passed by a municipality or county. Review or approval by regional or other EMS governing boards and the Statewide EMS Advisory Committee is not mentioned for these projects.

## 2. PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

- Does this bill impact the current delivery of NMDOH services or operations?

Yes  No

Money removed from the EMS Fund will reduce the amount of funds distributed by the DOH to EMS agencies, including rural, frontier, and tribal agencies.

- Is this proposal related to the NMDOH Strategic Plan?  Yes  No

**Goal 1:** We expand equitable access to services for all New Mexicans

**Goal 2:** We ensure safety in New Mexico healthcare environments

**Goal 3:** We improve health status for all New Mexicans

**Goal 4:** We support each other by promoting an environment of mutual respect, trust, open communication, and needed resources for staff to serve New Mexicans and to grow and reach their professional goals

## 3. FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

- If there is an appropriation, is it included in the Executive Budget Request?

Yes  No  N/A

- If there is an appropriation, is it included in the LFC Budget Request?

Yes  No  N/A

- Does this bill have a fiscal impact on NMDOH?  Yes  No

## 4. ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Will this bill have an administrative impact on NMDOH?  Yes  No

## 5. DUPLICATION, CONFLICT, COMPANIONSHIP OR RELATIONSHIP

## 6. TECHNICAL ISSUES

Are there technical issues with the bill?  Yes  No

## 7. LEGAL/REGULATORY ISSUES (OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES)

- Will administrative rules need to be updated or new rules written?  Yes  No

- Have there been changes in federal/state/local laws and regulations that make this legislation necessary (or unnecessary)?  Yes  No

- Does this bill conflict with federal grant requirements or associated regulations?

Yes  No

- Are there any legal problems or conflicts with existing laws, regulations, policies, or programs?  Yes  No

The EMS Fund Special Project funds are currently administered per the EMS Fund Act (24-10A) and EMS Fund Act Regulation (7.27.4).

**8. DISPARITIES ISSUES**

None

**9. HEALTH IMPACT(S)**

None

**10. ALTERNATIVES**

Continue administering the EMS Fund Special Project fund per the EMS Fund Act (24-10A) and EMS Fund Act Regulation (7.27.4) which requires oversight and approval by regional and statewide EMS oversight entities.

**11. WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL?**

If SB197 is not passed, the EMS Fund Act will continue to govern the distribution of the EMS Fund, and no EMS Funds will be used to fund New Mexico Finance Authority loans.

**12. AMENDMENTS**

None