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SENATE BILL

56TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2023

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH CARE; ADJUSTING THE DISTRIBUTION FORMULA FOR
THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FUND; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. Section 24-10A-3 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1978,
Chapter 178, Section 3, as amended) is amended to read:

"24-10A-3. EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FUND CREATED--
FUNDING.--

A. The "emergency medical services fund" is created
in the state treasury. Money in the fund shall not revert at
the end of any fiscal year. Money appropriated to the fund or
accruing to it through gifts, grants, fees or bequests shall be
deposited in the fund. Interest earned on investment of the
fund shall be credited to the general fund. Disbursements from
the fund shall be made upon warrants drawn by the secretary of

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1 finance and administration pursuant to vouchers signed by the
2 secretary or the secretary's authorized representative.

3 B. The bureau shall administer the fund and provide
4 for the distribution of the fund pursuant to the Emergency
5 Medical Services Fund Act and rules adopted pursuant to the
6 provisions of that act.

7 C. In any fiscal year, no less than [~~seventy-five~~]
8 seventy-six percent of the money in the fund shall be used for
9 the local emergency medical services funding program to support
10 the cost of supplies and equipment and operational costs other
11 than salaries and benefits for emergency medical services
12 personnel. This money shall be distributed to municipalities
13 and counties on behalf of eligible local recipients, using a
14 formula established pursuant to rules adopted by the
15 department. The formula shall determine each municipality's
16 and county's share of the fund based on the relative geographic
17 size and population of each county. The formula shall also
18 base the distribution of money for each municipality and county
19 on the relative number of runs of each local recipient eligible
20 to participate in the distribution.

21 D. In any fiscal year, no more than:

22 (1) [~~twenty-two~~] twenty-three percent of the
23 fund may be used for emergency medical services system
24 improvement projects, including the purchase of emergency
25 medical services vehicles, local and statewide emergency

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1 medical services system support projects, the statewide trauma
2 care system program and the emergency medical dispatch agency
3 support program; and

4 (2) [~~three~~] one percent of the fund may be
5 used by the bureau for administrative costs, including
6 monitoring and providing technical assistance.

7 E. In any fiscal year, money in the fund that is
8 not distributed pursuant to the provisions of Subsection D of
9 this section may be distributed pursuant to the provisions of
10 Subsection C of this section."

11 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.--Ten million dollars
12 (\$10,000,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the
13 emergency medical services fund for expenditure in fiscal year
14 2024 and subsequent fiscal years to carry out the purposes of
15 the fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at
16 the end of a fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund.