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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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**SPONSOR** Campos **ORIGINAL DATE** 1/20/23

**BILL**

**SHORT TITLE** Adjust Distribution Formula for EMS Fund **NUMBER** Senate Bill 23

**ANALYST** Klundt

### APPROPRIATION\* (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY23	FY24		
	\$10,000.0	Recurring	General Fund

Parentheses ( ) indicate expenditure decreases.  
 \*Amounts reflect most recent version of this legislation.

### Sources of Information

LFC Files

Responses Received From  
 Department of Health (DOH)

## SUMMARY

### Synopsis of Senate Bill 23

Senate Bill 23 (SB23) appropriates \$10 million from the general fund to Department of Health (DOH) and amends the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Fund Act (24-10A, NMSA), adjusting the distribution formula for the EMS fund and creating a recurring appropriation of \$10 million for the EMS fund for expenditure in FY24 and subsequent fiscal years. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of a fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund.

## FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$10 million contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY24 shall not revert to the general fund.

Senate Bill 23 increases the EMC grant program creating an expectation the program will continue in future fiscal years; therefore, this cost is assumed to be recurring.

In FY23, the EMS fund provided over 300 agencies grant with \$2.8 million. The average award was estimated as close to \$7,000. The appropriation contained in this bill could change the estimated average award to \$42 thousand.

## **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

SB23 proposes to increase the share of the EMS fund distributed to programs and reduce the amount available for administrative costs. The current formula allows for 75 percent of the money in the fund to be used for local emergency medical services supplies and equipment and operational costs other than salaries and benefits for emergency medical services personnel. SB23 would increase this share to 76 percent. The current formula also allows for 22 percent of the fund to be used for emergency medical services system improvement projects, including the purchase of emergency medical services vehicles, local and statewide emergency medical emergency services system support projects, the statewide trauma-care-system program and the emergency medical dispatch agency support program. SB23 would increase this distribution to 23 percent. The current formula allows for 3 percent of the fund to be used by the bureau for administrative costs, including monitoring and providing technical assistance.

The third portion of the formula, for bureau administrative costs, would reduce from 3 percent to 1 percent under SB23.

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