



State of Wisconsin
2023 - 2024 LEGISLATURE

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DOA:.....Bollhorst, BB0330 - EMS Flex Grant

FOR 2023-2025 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

AN ACT ...; relating to: the budget.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

GENERAL HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Emergency medical services flex grant

During the 2021-23 fiscal biennium, DHS administered a grant program, known as the Emergency Medical Services Flex grant program, under which DHS awarded grants to emergency medical service providers for reasonable operating expenses related to providing emergency medical services. The EMS Flex grants were funded with moneys provided under the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

This bill allows DHS to award grants to emergency medical service providers for the same purposes as DHS awarded grants under the EMS Flex grant program. The bill provides GPR funding for this purpose as a continuing appropriation, which means that any unencumbered balance at the end of a fiscal year does not lapse to the general fund. In other words, DHS may continue to expend moneys appropriated for grants to emergency medical service providers until the appropriation is fully depleted.

For further information see the state and local fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 20.435 (1) (bc) of the statutes is created to read:

20.435 (1) (bc) *Emergency medical services grants.* As a continuing appropriation, the amounts in the schedule for grants to providers of emergency medical services under s. 256.42.

****NOTE: This SECTION involves a change in an appropriation that must be reflected in the revised schedule in s. 20.005, stats.

SECTION 2. 256.42 of the statutes is created to read:

256.42 Emergency medical services grants. From the appropriation under s. 20.435 (1) (bc), the department may award grants to providers of emergency medical services for reasonable operating expenses related to emergency medical services, including expenses related to supplies, equipment, training, staffing, and vehicles.

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