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Health strategies - Contingent

Health trust fund

Section 4 identifies \$1,125,000 from the insurance tax distribution fund for rural emergency medical services grants during the 2021-23 biennium.

Section 4 is added to provide one-time funding of \$1,500,000 appropriated from the community health trust fund for statewide health strategies is contingent on the department securing dollar for dollar matching funds.

Health trust fund

Section 5 is amended to identify funding provided from the community health trust fund.

Section 6 is amended to identify funding provided from the community health trust fund.

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Section 6 is added to amend Section 23-01-02, relating to the compensation of Health Council members, to increase daily compensation from \$62.50 to the same daily rate set for members of the Legislative Assembly.

Section 7 amends Section 23-01-02, relating to the compensation of Health Council members, to increase daily compensation from \$62.50 to the same daily rate set for members of the Legislative Assembly.

Health trust fund - Funding for COVID-19

Section 8 is added to provide it is the intent of the 67th Legislative Assembly that the State Department of Health use federal COVID-19 funds or other available funds for defraying expenses related to local public health pandemic response grants before accessing \$4,515,296 appropriated from the community health trust fund

Health trust fund - Health Council Section 7 is added to provide for a study of the roles of the State Health Officer, Health Council, Medical Advisory Board, and Governor as they relate to the administration of the State Department of Health.

Section 9 provides for a study of the roles of the State Health Officer, Health Council, Medical Advisory Board, and Governor as they relate to the administration of the State Department of Health.