

Sixty-second  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

## REENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1044

Introduced by

Legislative Management

(Public Safety and Transportation Committee)

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new chapter to title 23 of the North Dakota Century  
2 Code, relating to ambulance operations areas, emergency medical services funding areas, and  
3 state financial assistance for emergency medical services; to repeal chapter 23-40 of the North  
4 Dakota Century Code, relating to emergency medical services allocations; to provide a  
5 statement of legislative intent; to provide an appropriation; and to provide an effective date.

6 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

7 **SECTION 1.** A new chapter to title 23 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and  
8 enacted as follows:

9 **Definitions.**

10 For purposes of this chapter:

- 11 1. "Emergency medical services funding area" means a geographic area eligible for state  
12 assistance and includes one or more licensed ambulance operations.
- 13 2. "Minimum reasonable cost" means the cost of operating one transporting ambulance  
14 service or the sum of the cost to operate one transporting ambulance service and any  
15 combination of one substation and one quick response unit.
- 16 3. "Required local matching funds" means revenue generated by the provision of  
17 emergency medical services, local mill levies, local sales tax, local donations, and  
18 in-kind donations of services.

19 **Emergency medical services funding areas.**

20 The state department of health shall establish and update biennially a plan for integrated  
21 emergency medical services in this state. The plan must identify ambulance operations areas,  
22 emergency medical services funding areas that require state financial assistance to operate a  
23 minimally reasonable level of emergency medical services, and a minimum reasonable cost for  
24 an emergency medical services operation. The department shall designate emergency medical

1 services funding areas based on criteria adopted by the health council and published in the  
2 North Dakota Administrative Code.

3 **State financial assistance for emergency medical services - Confidential information**  
4 **- Annual allocation.**

5 Emergency medical services operations that request financial assistance from the state  
6 must provide requested fiscal information to the state department of health for use in financial  
7 assistance determinations. All information provided to the department under this section is  
8 confidential. The state department of health shall determine annually the allocation amount of  
9 state financial assistance for each emergency medical services funding area based on the  
10 department's determination of:

- 11 1. The minimum annual funding necessary to operate the emergency medical services  
12 operation or service designated to operate in the ambulance funding area, based on  
13 the financial needs unique to each emergency medical services funding area.
- 14 2. Required local matching funds commensurate with at least ten dollars per capita within  
15 the emergency medical services funding area.

16 **State financial assistance for emergency medical services - Distribution limit.**

17 During the first year of the biennium, the state department of health may not distribute more  
18 than one-half of the biennial legislative appropriation for state financial assistance for  
19 emergency medical services.

20 **SECTION 2. REPEAL.** Chapter 23-40 of the North Dakota Century Code is repealed.

21 **SECTION 3. STATEMENT OF LEGISLATIVE INTENT.** The \$2,000,000 appropriation in  
22 section 4 of this Act is in addition to the appropriation in 2011 House Bill No. 1004. The  
23 combined appropriations must be used as the base level for the purpose of budgeting for the  
24 2013-15 executive budget.

25 **SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general  
26 fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$2,000,000, or so much of the  
27 sum as may be necessary, to the state department of health, for the purpose of providing state  
28 assistance grants to emergency medical services operations and related administrative costs,  
29 for the biennium beginning July 1, 2011, and ending June 30, 2013. The department may spend  
30 up to \$562,500 of the appropriation provided in this section for grants under chapter 23-40 and  
31 any remaining funds for grants in accordance with section 1 of this Act.

1       **SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.** Section 2 of this Act becomes effective on January 1,  
2 2012.