SENATE
STATE OF MINNESOTA
NINETY-FIRST SESSION

S.F. No. 4266

1.1   A bill for an act

1.2   relating to health; establishing an emergency medical services task force;
1.3   appropriating money for the task force and for ambulance service personnel training
1.4   programs.

1.5   BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6   Section 1. **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TASK FORCE.**

1.7   Subdivision 1. **Establishment; duties.** The Emergency Medical Services Task Force is

1.8   established to evaluate and make recommendations on improving the provision of emergency

1.9   medical services in Minnesota. The task force must evaluate and make recommendations

1.10   on:

1.11   (1) how to improve and modernize the provision of emergency medical services in

1.12   Minnesota;

1.13   (2) any needed changes to education or training requirements for ambulance service

1.14   personnel or emergency medical responders that will improve the provision of emergency

1.15   medical services; and

1.16   (3) how to coordinate ambulance service operations with the roles, transportation needs,

1.17   and other needs of hospitals within and outside service areas of ambulance services.

1.18   Subd. 2. **Membership.** (a) The task force shall consist of the following 11 members:

1.19   (1) one member of the senate, appointed by the senate majority leader;

1.20   (2) one member of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house;

1.21   (3) the commissioner of public safety or the commissioner's designee;

2.1   (4) the commissioner of health or the commissioner's designee; and

2.2   (5) seven members appointed by the governor.

2.3   (b) Appointments to the task force must be made no later than August 1, 2020.

2.4   (c) Member compensation and reimbursement for expenses are governed by Minnesota

2.5   Statutes, section 15.059, subdivision 3.

2.6   Subd. 3. **Co-chairpersons; meetings.** The members of the task force appointed under

2.7   subdivision 2, paragraph (a), clauses (1) and (2), shall serve as co-chairpersons of the task

2.8   force. The co-chairpersons must convene the first meeting of the task force no later than

2.9   August 15, 2020. The task force is subject to the Minnesota Open Meeting Law under

2.10   Minnesota Statutes, chapter 13D.

2.11   Subd. 4. **Administrative support.** The Department of Health must provide administrative

2.12   support and meeting space for the task force.

2.13   Subd. 5. **Report.** No later than January 1, 2022, the task force must submit a written

2.14   report to the members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over health and human

2.15   services and public safety on the task force's evaluation conducted and recommendations

2.16   developed under subdivision 1.

2.17   Subd. 6. **Expiration.** The task force shall expire upon submission of the report required

2.18   under subdivision 5, or January 1, 2022, whichever is later.

2.19   Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

2.20   (a) $250,000 in fiscal year 2021 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner

2.21   of health for the Emergency Medical Services Task Force.

2.22   (b) $200,000 in fiscal year 2021 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner

2.23   of employment and economic development for a grant program to publicize and promote

2.24   retention of ambulance service volunteers and volunteer reserve officers of a law enforcement

2.25   agency.

2.26   (c) $250,000 in fiscal year 2021 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner

2.27   of education for a grant program to fund ambulance service personnel training programs

2.28   for secondary school students. A school district may use a grant awarded under this paragraph

2.29   to offer an ambulance service personnel training program to secondary school students in

2.30   partnership with a postsecondary institution. The program may be offered at the secondary

2.31   school or at the postsecondary institution and may include dual enrollment courses for credit

3.1   or be offered for no credit. The commissioner must award 80 percent of the grant funds to

3.2   school districts with an administrative office outside the seven-county metropolitan area.

3.3   (d) $100,000 in fiscal year 2021 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner

3.4   of education for a grant program to school districts for first aid, cardiopulmonary

3.5   resuscitation, and other ambulance service personnel training programs offered through

3.6   school district community education programs. The commissioner must award 80 percent

3.7   of the grant funds to school districts with an administrative office outside the seven-county

3.8   metropolitan area.

3.9   (e) $150,000 in fiscal year 2021 is appropriated from the general fund to the Board of

3.10   Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities to expand or supplement

3.11   ambulance service personnel training programs offered at state colleges.