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See HB

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to emergency medical services;  
3           amending s. 401.107, F.S.; defining the terms  
4           "youth athletic organization" and "automated  
5           external defibrillator device"; amending s.  
6           401.111, F.S.; providing for grants to local  
7           agencies, emergency medical services  
8           organizations, and youth athletic organizations  
9           to expand the use of automated external  
10          defibrillator devices; amending s. 401.113,  
11          F.S.; providing for disbursement of funds from  
12          the Emergency Medical Services Trust Fund;  
13          providing an effective date.

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15 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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17           Section 1. Subsections (6) and (7) are added to  
18          section 401.107, Florida Statutes, to read:  
19           401.107 Definitions.--As used in this part, the term:  
20           (6) "Youth athletic organization" means a private  
21          not-for-profit organization that promotes and provides  
22          organized athletic activities to youth.  
23           (7) "Automated external defibrillator device" means a  
24          device as defined in s. 768.1325(2)(b).

25           Section 2. Section 401.111, Florida Statutes, is  
26          amended to read:  
27           401.111 Emergency medical services grant program;  
28          authority.--The department is hereby authorized to make grants  
29          to local agencies, ~~and~~ emergency medical services  
30          organizations, and youth athletic organizations in accordance  
31          with any agreement entered into pursuant to this part. These

1 grants shall be designed to assist local ~~said~~ agencies and  
2 emergency medical services organizations in providing  
3 emergency medical services, including emergency medical  
4 dispatch, and to assist youth athletic organizations that work  
5 in conjunction with local emergency medical services  
6 organizations to expand the use of automated external  
7 defibrillator devices in the community. The cost of  
8 administering this program shall be paid by the department  
9 from funds appropriated to it.

10 Section 3. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (2) of  
11 section 401.113, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

12 401.113 Department; powers and duties.--

13 (2) The department shall annually dispense funds  
14 contained in the Emergency Medical Services Trust Fund as  
15 follows:

16 (a) Forty-five percent of such moneys must be divided  
17 among the counties according to the proportion of the combined  
18 amount deposited in the trust fund from the county. These  
19 funds may not be used to match grant funds as identified in  
20 paragraph (b). An individual board of county commissioners may  
21 distribute these funds to emergency medical service  
22 organizations and youth athletic organizations within the  
23 county, as it deems appropriate.

24 (b) Forty percent of such moneys must be used by the  
25 department for making matching grants to local agencies,  
26 municipalities, ~~and~~ emergency medical services organizations,  
27 and youth athletic organizations for the purpose of conducting  
28 research, increasing existing levels of emergency medical  
29 services, evaluation, community education, injury-prevention  
30 programs, and training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and  
31 other lifesaving and first aid techniques.

1           1. At least 90 percent of these moneys must be made  
2 available on a cash matching basis. A grant made under this  
3 subparagraph must be contingent upon the recipient providing a  
4 cash sum equal to 25 percent of the total department-approved  
5 grant amount.

6           2. No more than 10 percent of these moneys must be  
7 made available to rural emergency medical services, and  
8 notwithstanding the restrictions specified in subsection (1),  
9 these moneys may be used for improvement, expansion, or  
10 continuation of services provided. A grant made under this  
11 subparagraph must be contingent upon the recipient providing a  
12 cash sum equal to no more than 10 percent of the total  
13 department-approved grant amount.

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15 The department shall develop procedures and standards for  
16 grant disbursement under this paragraph based on the need for  
17 emergency medical services, the requirements of the population  
18 to be served, and the objectives of the state emergency  
19 medical services plan.

20           Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.