

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

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

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 14 Section 1. Subsection (6) is added to section 401.107,
 15 Florida Statutes, to read:

16 401.107 Definitions.--As used in this part, the term:
 17 (6) "Youth athletic organization" means a private not-for-
 18 profit organization that promotes and provides organized
 19 athletic activities to youth.

20 Section 2. Section 401.111, Florida Statutes, is amended
 21 to read:

22 401.111 Emergency medical services grant program;
 23 authority.--The department is hereby authorized to make grants
 24 to local agencies, ~~and~~ emergency medical services organizations,
 25 and youth athletic organizations for the procurement of
 26 automated external defibrillators in accordance with any
 27 agreement entered into pursuant to this part. These grants shall
 28 be designed to assist local ~~said~~ agencies, emergency medical

29 services organizations, and youth athletic ~~and~~ organizations in
 30 providing emergency medical services, including emergency
 31 medical dispatch, through the use of automated external
 32 defibrillators. The cost of administering this program shall be
 33 paid by the department from funds appropriated to it.

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

36 401.113 Department; powers and duties.--

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

39 (a) Forty-five percent of such moneys must be divided
 40 among the counties according to the proportion of the combined
 41 amount deposited in the trust fund from the county. These funds
 42 may not be used to match grant funds as identified in paragraph
 43 (b). An individual board of county commissioners may distribute
 44 these funds as it deems appropriate to emergency medical service
 45 organizations and youth athletic organizations within the
 46 county, as provided in this part ~~it deems appropriate~~.

47 (b) Forty percent of such moneys must be used by the
 48 department for making matching grants to local agencies,
 49 municipalities, ~~and~~ emergency medical services organizations,
 50 and youth athletic organizations for the purpose of conducting
 51 research, increasing existing levels of emergency medical
 52 services, evaluation, community education, injury-prevention
 53 programs, and training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and
 54 other lifesaving and first aid techniques.

55 1. At least 90 percent of these moneys must be made
 56 available on a cash matching basis. A grant made under this

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57 | subparagraph must be contingent upon the recipient providing a
58 | cash sum equal to 25 percent of the total department-approved
59 | grant amount.

60 | 2. No more than 10 percent of these moneys must be made
61 | available to rural emergency medical services, and
62 | notwithstanding the restrictions specified in subsection (1),
63 | these moneys may be used for improvement, expansion, or
64 | continuation of services provided. A grant made under this
65 | subparagraph must be contingent upon the recipient providing a
66 | cash sum equal to no more than 10 percent of the total
67 | department-approved grant amount.

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69 | The department shall develop procedures and standards for grant
70 | disbursement under this paragraph based on the need for
71 | emergency medical services, the requirements of the population
72 | to be served, and the objectives of the state emergency medical
73 | services plan.

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