



## **S.F. No. 1132 – Establishing an ambulatory service training and staffing grant program; appropriating money**

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### Bill Overview

**S.F. No. 1132** establishes an ambulance service training and staffing grant program to award grants to licensed ambulance services for certain costs to train ambulance service employees as emergency medical technicians (EMTs) and staff the ambulance service. The bill also includes appropriations of \$750,000 in fiscal years 2026 and 2027 to fund the program.

### Section Summaries

#### **Section 1 (adds Minn. Stat. § 144E.38; Ambulance Service Training and Staffing Grant Program)**

**Subd. 1 (Definition)** defines “employee” by reference as “a person who performs services for hire for an employer, provided that the services have been performed predominately within this state. The term includes any person who has been separated from employment for less than one year. The term does not include an independent contractor.”

**Subd. 2 (Grant program)** establishes a grant program to award grants to ambulance services to cover certain costs related to training employees as EMTs.

**Subd. 3 (Eligible ambulance services)** provides that an eligible grant recipient must be a licensed ambulance service and at least 50 percent of its staffing provided by EMTs in the calendar year prior to the year in which the ambulance service first applies for a grant.

**Subd. 4 (Application)** provides that when applying for a grant, an ambulance service must specify, at minimum, the number of individuals it plans to hire and the number of employee training hours it plans to fund using grant money.

**Subd. 5 (Allowable use of grant money; maximum grant amount)** limits the use of grant money by an ambulance service to: tuition for employees attending an EMT education program; employee examination fees for EMT certification; fees for background studies for new EMT employees; and wage and benefit costs for employees incurred while attending an EMT education program or program-related activities. This subdivision also limits the grant amount awarded to a grantee to the costs incurred.

**Subd. 6 (Grant program oversight)** requires reporting by an ambulance service receiving a grant to the director sufficient for the director to administer and evaluate the program.

**Section 2 (Appropriation; Ambulance service training and staffing grant program)** appropriates \$750,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$750,000 in fiscal year 2027 from the general fund for the ambulance service training and staffing grant program.



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