



ASK

Support this modest increase to the Funding Assistance Program.

Increase the amount of funding for EMS assistance (SB 665)

POSITION: **IN FAVOR**

SUMMARY

SB 665 would increase the Funding Assistance Program (FAP) from the current level of \$1,960,200 to \$2.2 million, *returning it to the original amount* allocated by the legislature in the year that it was implemented.

This \$239,800 increase would go directly to ambulance services around the state that are desperate to keep their doors open—and responding to 9-1-1 calls in their communities—with many agencies operating with volunteer labor and bare-bones budgets. The infrastructure is already set up and services are accustomed to applying for this funding each year. This type of funding allows services to pay for required training for their EMTs, as well as unexpected vehicle repairs. Ambulances are on the road constantly and their maintenance costs are significant. A sidelined vehicle is one that cannot bring life-saving care for those in need.

NOTE

This bill would modify DHS appropriation s. 20.005 (3), section 20.435 (1) (ch).

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