

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2020 REGULAR SESSION**

**Introduced**

### **House Bill 4688**

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Committee on Finance]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §16-4C-24 of the Code of West Virginia, 19131, as amended,  
2 relating to transferring 0.5 percent of Medicaid surplus funds to the Emergency Medical  
3 Services Equipment and Training Fund.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

**ARTICLE 4C. EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ACT.**

**§16-4C-24. Emergency Medical Services Equipment and Training Fund; establishment of  
grant program for equipment and training of emergency medical service providers  
and personnel.**

1 (a) There is hereby created in the State Treasury a special revenue fund to be known as  
2 the Emergency Medical Services Equipment and Training Fund. Expenditures from the fund by  
3 the Office of Emergency Medical Services, Bureau for Public Health, Department of Health and  
4 Human Resources are authorized from collections. The fund may only be used for the purpose of  
5 providing grants to equip emergency medical services providers and train emergency medical  
6 services personnel, as defined in §16-4C-3 of this code. Any balance remaining in the fund at the  
7 end of any fiscal year does not revert to the General Revenue Fund but remains in the special  
8 revenue fund.

9 (b) The Commissioner of the Bureau for Public Health shall establish a grant program for  
10 equipment and training of emergency medical services providers and personnel. Such grant  
11 program shall be open to all emergency medical services personnel and providers, but priority  
12 shall be given to rural and volunteer emergency medical services providers.

13 (c) Effective June 30, 2020, 0.5 percent of the state Medicaid surplus funds shall be  
14 transferred to the Emergency Medical Services Equipment and Training Fund.

15 ~~(e)~~ (d) The Commissioner of the Bureau for Public Health shall propose legislative rules  
16 for promulgation in accordance with §29A-3-1 *et seq.* of this code to implement the grant program  
17 established pursuant to this section.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to transfer 0.5 percent of Medicaid surplus funds to the Emergency Medical Services Equipment and Training Fund.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law, and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.