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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2583

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR
EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A SCHOLARSHIP
PROGRAM FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL
TECHNICIANS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-13-101 is amended to read as follows:
20-13-101. Title.

(a) This section shall be known as the "Emergency Medical Services
Revolving Fund Act".

(b) There is established on the books of the Treasurer of State, the
Auditor of State, and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State a fund to be
designated the Emergency Medical Services Revolving Fund.

(c)(1) It shall be the responsibility of the ~~Office of~~ Division of
Emergency Medical Services of the Department of Health to ~~promulgate all~~
~~rules and regulations for making application for the matching funds~~
establish:

(A) Procedures for the administration of the EMT
scholarship program described in this section;

(B) Eligibility guidelines for candidates for EMT
scholarships that include, at a minimum, the following:

(i) Residence in the State of Arkansas;



1 (ii) Satisfaction of entry requirements for an EMT
2 basic level training program; and

3 (iii) Execution of an agreement that contains, at a
4 minimum, the following terms:

5 (a) The scholarship recipient agrees to work
6 for an Arkansas-licensed ambulance service for at least six (6) months after
7 successfully completing certification or to repay the scholarship funds to
8 the qualified EMT basic training site; and

9 (b) The scholarship recipient agrees to repay
10 scholarship funds to the qualified EMT basic training site if the scholarship
11 recipient fails to obtain certification as an EMT.

12 (2) ~~It shall be further the responsibility of the office to~~ The
13 qualified EMT basic training site shall review all applications for
14 scholarships at the site and approve those that shall be eligible for moneys
15 under the provisions of this section and as may otherwise be provided by law.

16 ~~(d)(1) Funds requested by authority of this section shall be matched~~
17 ~~on a fifty/fifty (50/50) cash basis by the applicant.~~

18 ~~(2) The state portion shall at no time exceed ten thousand~~
19 ~~dollars (\$10,000) per county, local, commercial, or nonprofit operation,~~
20 ~~except that this limitation shall not apply when any county levies a motor~~
21 ~~vehicle tax to finance ambulance services as authorized by § 26-78-101 et~~
22 ~~seq.~~

23 (d) The Division of Emergency Medical Services shall provide a
24 qualified basic EMT training site with up to one thousand dollars (\$1,000)
25 per fiscal year subject to available funds to be distributed as scholarships
26 to eligible candidates in accordance with this section and rules of the
27 division.