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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to distribution of moneys from the emergency
 2 medical services fund.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 135.25, Code 2001, is amended to read
2 as follows:

3 135.25 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FUND.

4 An emergency medical services fund is created in the state
5 treasury under the control of the department. The fund
6 includes, but is not limited to, amounts appropriated by the
7 general assembly, and other moneys available from federal or
8 private sources ~~which~~ that are to be used for purposes of this
9 section. Funds remaining in the fund at the end of each
10 fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund of the state
11 but shall remain in the emergency medical services fund,
12 notwithstanding section 8.33. The fund is established to
13 assist counties by matching, on a dollar-for-dollar basis,
14 moneys spent by a county for the acquisition of equipment for
15 the provision of emergency medical services and by providing
16 grants to counties for education and training in the delivery
17 of emergency medical services, as provided in this section and
18 section 422D.6. A county seeking matching funds under this
19 section shall apply to the emergency medical services division
20 of the department. The department shall adopt rules
21 concerning the application and awarding process for the
22 ~~matching funds and the criteria for the allocation of moneys~~
23 ~~in the fund if.~~ If the moneys available in the fund for a
24 fiscal year are insufficient to meet the amount of the
25 emergency medical services needs of the equipment acquisition
26 and education and training grants applied for by counties, the
27 department shall prorate the grant awards based upon a
28 county's proportion of the total dollar value of the grant
29 applications. Moneys allocated by the department to a county
30 for emergency medical services purposes may be used for
31 equipment or training and education as determined by the board
32 of supervisors pursuant to section 422D.6.

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EXPLANATION

34 This bill relates to distribution of moneys to counties
35 from the emergency medical services fund created in Code

1 section 135.25 under the control of the Iowa department of
2 public health.

3 Current law authorizes the department to adopt rules
4 applying criteria in the event moneys in the fund are
5 insufficient to meet the need for the acquisition of equipment
6 for the provision of emergency medical services and for
7 education and training in the delivery of emergency medical
8 services. The bill eliminates the department's authority to
9 adopt rules to apply such criteria and instead directs the
10 department to prorate the moneys among the counties applying
11 for the funding based upon a county's portion of the total
12 dollar value of the grant applications.

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