

Sponsor Statement for SB 104

Aid For Volunteer Services

“An Act relating to state aid for volunteer services; and providing for an effective date.”

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Section 1: Amends AS 29.20.640(b) by inserting statutory reference to new sections created by this bill.

Section 2: Amends AS 29.45.020 by inserting statutory reference to new sections created by this bill.

Section 3: Amends AS 29.45.660(b) by inserting statutory reference to new sections created by this bill.

Section 4: Amends AS 29.60.130 by:

1. changing “volunteer fire departments” to “volunteer services”;
2. deleting language that requires aid to only those “not in an organized municipality” and inserts new language of “with a population of less than 2,500”;

Section 5: Amends AS 29.60.130 by inserting new subsection that:

- a) authorizes payment of \$10 per capita for population served by emergency medical service organization if the organization:
 1. is certified by the state
 2. provides ambulance services; and
 3. serves an area with a population of less than 2,500.
- b) directs payments to reflect area cost-of-living differentials
- c) establishes the “volunteer services” account; directs the department to allocate to the account and provides for a pro rata distribution among recipients.

Section 6: Amends AS 29.60.170 by revising certain statute citations to reflect the changes in this bill.

Section 7: Amends AS 29.60.280(a) (Allocation and Distribution section) to add the reference to the new volunteer services program.

- Section 8:** Amends AS 29.60.280(b) (Allocation and Distribution section) to add the reference to the new volunteer services program and new language requiring that any excess appropriation be reallocated to the tax equalization account and distributed accordingly.
- Section 9:** Amends AS 29.60.290(a) by inserting statutory reference to the new volunteer services program.
- Section 10:** Amends AS 29.60.290(c) by inserting statutory reference to the new volunteer services program.
- Section 11:** Effective date of the legislation.