

**Local Government Mandate Statement  
Kentucky Legislative Research Commission  
2024 Regular Session**

**Part I: Measure Information**

**Bill Request #:** 1721

**Bill #:** HB 484

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**Bill Title:** AN ACT relating to emergency medical services.

**Sponsor:** Representative Deanna Frazier Gordon

Unit of Government:  City  County  Urban-County  
Unified Local  
 Charter County  Consolidated Local  Government

Office(s) Impacted: Emergency medical services

Requirement:  Mandatory  Optional

Effect on

Powers & Duties:  Modifies Existing  Adds New  Eliminates Existing

**Part II: Bill Provisions and the Estimated Fiscal Impact Relating to Local Government**

HB 484 GA would establish an emergency medical services education grant program overseen by the Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services. The program would be comprised of 3 components:

1. Student tuition support – used for training of people seeking initial paramedic certification who are employed by a Class 1 ground ambulance provider, paid to the training or education institution;
2. Agency support would reimburse Class 1 ground ambulance providers wages paid to an employee seeking initial paramedic certification, and
3. Emergency medical services training or educational institution support would fund existing and start-up EMT training and educational institutes that offer or will offer initial education courses for EMTs, advanced EMTs and paramedic programs; eligible costs would include computer equipment, training equipment such as cardiac monitors and defibrillators, personnel costs of directly delivering the education program and other operational costs.

Nonprofit entities and those serving/planning to serve underserved areas would be prioritized. The bill would establish in the State Treasury the emergency medical services education grant fund consisting of state appropriations, contributions, donations, and gifts. Staffing and administrative costs of the grant fund would be prohibited from exceeding 5% of the fund amount.

**HB 484 GA as proposed would have a minimal to moderate positive fiscal impact on local governments.** The grant program would be funded through state appropriations, donations, gifts, or contributions and not by local taxes. Awarded grant funds may reduce city costs for EMT training, equipment, and technology. The Kentucky Association of Counties (KACo) reports that as of 2022 there existed 34 ambulance services owned by counties, 4 joint county/city enterprises, and 38 ambulance services were funded by their own taxing district.

**Data Source(s):** Kentucky League of Cities; Kentucky Association of Counties; LRC staff

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