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- (1) directs payments to reflect area cost-of-living differentials
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Section 11: Effective date of the legislation.

SB 104 - Volunteer Services: Fire and EMS

Certified EMSs Providing Ambulance Service to < 2,500 Registered VFDs Providing Fire Service to < 2,500	Senate District	Fire Est.Pop.	EMS Est.Pop.
<i>Shoreline VFD</i>	A	532	
<i>South Tongass VFD</i>	A	1,750	
<i>Coffman Cove VFD</i>	C	200	
Craig EMS	C		2,124
<i>Craig VFD</i>	C	2,124	
<i>Edna Bay VFD</i>	C	49	
<i>Elfin Cove VFD</i>	C	55	
<i>Gustavus Emergency Response</i>	C	376	
<i>Haines VFD</i>	C	1,808	
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Hollis EMS	C		97
Hoonah Volunteer EMS	C		880
<i>Hydaburg VFD</i>	C	389	
Kake EMS	C		702
<i>Kake VFD</i>	C	702	
<i>Kasaan VFD</i>	C	44	
<i>Klawock EMS</i>	C	750	
Metlakatla VFD/Ambulance	C		1,499
<i>Old Harbor VFD</i>	C	257	
<i>Pelican VFD</i>	C	135	
Pelican Volunteer Fire/EMS	C		135
<i>Point Baker VFD</i>	C	57	
<i>Port Alexander VFD</i>	C	90	
<i>Port Lions VFD</i>	C	246	
Prince of Wales EMS	C		1,432
<i>Skagway VFD</i>	C	880	
Skagway VFD & EMS	C		880
<i>Tenakee Springs VFD</i>	C	105	
<i>Thorne Bay VFD</i>	C	603	
<i>Whale Pass VFD</i>	C	75	
<i>Womens Bay VFD</i>	C	524	
Anchor Point VFD and Fire Rescue	D		1,258
<i>Bear Creek Volunteer Fire & EMS</i>	D	1,514	
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<i>Clam Gulch VFD</i>	D	113	
<i>Cooper Landing Volunteer Ambulance/Rescue</i>	D	302	x
<i>Funny River</i>	D	x	
<i>Moose Pass VFD</i>	D	118	
Moose Pass VFD & EMS	D		118
Ninilchik Community Ambulance	D		728
<i>Ninilchik VFD</i>	D	728	
Port Graham EMS	D		181
<i>Seldovia VFD</i>	D	291	
Seldovia Volunteer Fire & Rescue	D		291
Girdwood EMS	I		1,990
<i>Girdwood VFD/Rescue</i>	I	1,990	
<i>Houston VFD</i>	N	951	
<i>Sutton VFD</i>	N	1,047	
<i>Talkeetna VFD</i>	N	1,443	
<i>Willow Fire Service Area</i>	N	1,824	

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Ester VFD	<i>O</i>	1,898	
Anderson VFD/EMS	<i>Q</i>	588	
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Cantwell VFD	<i>Q</i>	173	
Cantwell Volunteer Ambulance	<i>Q</i>		173
Copper River EMS Council	<i>Q</i>		1,520
Denali Nat'l Park Fire Dept.	<i>Q</i>	162	
North Pole Fire Department	<i>Q</i>		1,557
North Pole VFD	<i>Q</i>	1,557	
Salcha Rescue	<i>Q</i>		363
Tri-Valley VFD	<i>Q</i>	643	
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Aniak VFD	<i>R</i>	594	
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Chistochina VFD	<i>R</i>	54	
Chitina VFD	<i>R</i>	150	
Delta Rescue Squad	<i>R</i>		1,431
Eagle EMS	<i>R</i>		207
Eagle VFD	<i>R</i>	207	
Fort Yukon EMS	<i>R</i>		565
Gakona VFD	<i>R</i>	281	
Galena Health Center	<i>R</i>		592
McCarthy VFD	<i>R</i>	37	
McGrath VFD	<i>R</i>		408
Nenana VFD	<i>R</i>	452	
Nenana Volunteer Fire/EMS	<i>R</i>		452
Ruby VFD	<i>R</i>	179	
Rural Delta Fire Protection District	<i>R</i>	2,226	
Takotna VFD	<i>R</i>	46	
Tok Area EMS	<i>R</i>		1,282
Tok VFD	<i>R</i>	1,611	
Whittier Volunteer Ambulance	<i>R</i>		289
Elim VFD	<i>S</i>	316	
Savoonga VFD	<i>S</i>	652	
Unalakleet VFD	<i>S</i>	757	
White Mountain VFD	<i>S</i>	207	
Adak Fire Department	<i>T</i>	163	
Adak Fire Department	<i>T</i>		163
Bristol Bay Borough VFD	<i>T</i>	1,224	
Bristol Bay Volunteer Rescue Squad	<i>T</i>		1,224
Cold Bay Volunteer Rescue Squad	<i>T</i>		104
Dillingham VFD	<i>T</i>	2,400	
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Egegik VFD	<i>T</i>	123	
False Pass VFD	<i>T</i>	73	
Iliamna VFD	<i>T</i>	96	
King Cove Fire & Rescue	<i>T</i>	671	
King Cove Volunteer Fire & Rescue	<i>T</i>		671
Kongiganak VFD	<i>T</i>	357	
Kwigillingok VFD	<i>T</i>	342	
Newhalen VFD	<i>T</i>	183	

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<i>Nunapitchuk VFD</i>	<i>T</i>	<i>480</i>	
<i>Sand Point VFD</i>	<i>T</i>	<i>871</i>	
<i>St. George EMS</i>	<i>T</i>		<i>164</i>
<i>St. George VFD</i>	<i>T</i>	<i>164</i>	
<i>Twin Hills VFD</i>	<i>T</i>	<i>83</i>	
		42,092	
Total Population Served		40,854	31,671
Costs @ 10.00 per capita		\$408,540	\$316,710
Legend:			
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