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was referred to the
Senate Finance
Committee

Hearing(s) were held

The bill did not move
from Committee



ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

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SB 104 – Aid For Volunteer Services **Sponsor Statement**

SB 104 revises current statutes so that payments would be provided to volunteer fire departments and emergency medical service (EMS) organizations that are under 2,500 in population served. The current program pertains only to volunteer fire departments and is further restricted to only those volunteer fire departments in the unorganized area.

There are a number of small, volunteer fire departments and EMS groups in Alaska that are within an organized borough, but receive either very limited or no financial support from the state or their respective borough or applicable municipality. Most of the EMS organizations are the only responder available for vehicle accidents along state highways, providing ambulatory services to resident and tourist alike.

This legislation would allow:

Any volunteer fire department to receive state aid if:

- (1) it is registered with the State Fire Marshall and
- (2) is serving an area with a population of less than 2,500.

Any EMS to receive state aid if:

- (1) it is certified to provide EMS;
- (2) it provides ambulance services; and
- (3) serves an area with a population of less than 2,500.

SB 104 (S-FILE) 3/20/01: mj

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SB 104 – State Aid for Volunteer Services **Sectional Analysis**

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

Section 2: Amends AS 219.45.020 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; and
- (c) establishes the "volunteer services" account; directs the department to allocate to the account and provides for a pro rata distribution among recipients.

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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.

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Registered VFDs Providing Fire Service to < 2,500	Estimated Population Served
Adak Fire Department	163
Anderson VFD/EMS	588
Bear Creek Volunteer Fire & EMS	1,514
Bristol Bay Borough VFD	1,224
Cantwell VFD	173
Chistochina VFD	54
Chitina VFD	150
Clam Gulch VFD	113
Coffman Cove VFD	200
Craig VFD	2,124
Denali Nat'l Park Fire Dept.	162
Dillingham VFD	2,400
Eagle VFD	207
Edna Bay VFD	49
Egegik VFD	123
Elfin Cove VFD	55
Elim VFD	316
Ester VFD	1,898
False Pass VFD	73
Gakona VFD	281
Girdwood VFD/Rescue	1,900
Gustavus Emergency Response	376
Haines VFD	1,808
Houston VFD	951
Hydaburg VFD	389
Iliamna VFD	96
Kake VFD	702
Kasaan VFD	44
King Cove Fire & Rescue	671
Kongiganak VFD	357
Kwigillingok VFD	342
McCarthy VFD	37
McGrath VFD	408
Moose Pass VFD	118
Nenana VFD	452
Newhalen VFD	183
Ninilchik VFD	728
North Pole VFD	1,557
Nunapitchuk VFD	480

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Registered VFDs Providing Fire Service to < 2,500	Estimated Population Served
Old Harbor VFD	257
Pelican VFD	135
Point Baker VFD	57
Port Alexander VFD	90
Port Lions VFD	246
Ruby VFD	179
Rural Deltana Fire Protection District	2,226
Sand Point VFD	871
Savoonga VFD	652
Seldovia VFD	291
Shoreline VFD	532
Skagway VFD	880
South Tongass VFD	1,750
St. George VFD	164
Sutton VFD	1,047
Takotna VFD	46
Talkeetna VFD	1,443
Tenakee Springs VFD	105
Thorne Bay VFD	603
Tok VFD	1,611
Tri-Valley VFD	643
Twin Hills VFD	83
Unalakleet VFD	757
Whale Pass VFD	75
White Mountain VFD	207
Willow Fire Service Area	1,824
Womens Bay VFD	524
Total Population Served	40,764

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Certified EMSs Providing Ambulance Service to < 2,500	Estimated Population Served
Aak Fire Department	163
Anchor Point VFD and Fire Rescue	1,258
Anderson VFD/EMS	588
Aniak VFD	594
Bear Creek Volunteer Fire & EMS	1,514
Bristol Bay Volunteer Rescue Squad	1,224
Cantwell Volunteer Ambulance	173
Cold Bay Volunteer Rescue Squad	104
Cooper Landing Volunteer Ambulance/Rescue	302
Copper River EMS Council	1,520
Craig EMS	2,124
Delta Rescue Squad	1,431
Dillingham VFD	2,400
Eagle EMS	207
Fort Yukon EMS	565
Galena Health Center	592
Girdwood EMS	1,900
Haines VFD	1,808
Hollis EMS	97
Hoonah Volunteer EMS	880
Kake EMS	702
King Cove Volunteer Fire & Rescue	671
Klawock EMS	750
Metlakatla VFD/Ambulance	1,499
Moose Pass VFD & EMS	118
Nenana Volunteer Fire/EMS	452
Ninilchik Community Ambulance	728
North Pole Fire Department	1,557
Pelican Volunteer Fire/EMS	135
Port Graham EMS	181
Prince of Wales EMS	1,432
Salcha Rescue	363
Seldovia Volunteer Fire & Rescue	291
Skagway VFD & EMS	880
St. George EMS	164
Tok Area EMS	1,282
Tri-Valley VFD	643
Whittier Volunteer Ambulance	289
Total Population Served	31,581

**SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT
First Committee of Referral**

DATE: 2/20/01

FURTHER: Finance

Date of 5-Day Notice: 02/08/01
(in accordance with Uniform Rule 23)

DATE TURNED
IN TO OFFICE: 3-15-01

Community and Regional Affairs Committee considered

SENATE BILL NO. 104

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

and recommends:

- be replaced with _____ CS _____ (_____)
- adopt previous _____ CS _____ (_____)
- attached amendment(s)
- adopt Letter of Intent by _____ Committee
- further referral to _____ Committee

- Senate Bill:**
 same title
 new title
House Bill:
 same title
 technical title
 new: SCR # _____

NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department	Date	Fiscal	Zero	FN#
DCED	3/14/01	✓		1

PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department	Date	Fiscal	Zero	FN#

APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

SIGNATURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:	DO PASS	DO NOT PASS	NO REC	AMEND
<i>[Signature]</i>			✓	
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CHAIR: <i>[Signature]</i>	✓			

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

SIGN-IN

SB 104-AID TO VOLUNTEER SERVICES

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