

By: Pierce, Hamilton, Maples

To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 928

1 AN ACT TO CREATE THE "RURAL COUNTY AMBULANCE SERVICE GRANT  
2 FUND"; TO PROVIDE THAT THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND  
3 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SHALL ADMINISTER SUCH FUND FOR THE PURPOSE  
4 OF MAKING GRANTS TO COUNTIES WITH A POPULATION OF NOT MORE THAN  
5 25,000 TO ASSIST SUCH COUNTIES IN PROVIDING FOR AMBULANCE SERVICE;  
6 TO PROVIDE THAT THE FUND CREATED IN THIS ACT WILL CONSIST OF FUNDS  
7 APPROPRIATED BY THE LEGISLATURE FROM THE HEALTH CARE EXPENDABLE  
8 FUND; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

10 SECTION 1. As used in this act, the following words shall  
11 have the meanings ascribed in this section unless the context  
12 clearly requires otherwise:

13 (a) "Department" means the Mississippi Department of  
14 Economic and Community Development.

15 (b) "Fund" means the Rural County Ambulance Service  
16 Grant Fund.

17 (c) "Rural county" means a county having a population  
18 of not more than twenty-five thousand (25,000) according to the  
19 most recent federal decennial census.

20 SECTION 2. (1) There is created a special fund in the State  
21 Treasury to be designated the "Rural County Ambulance Service  
22 Grant Fund." The department shall administer the fund and shall  
23 establish and implement a grant program for the purpose of making  
24 grants from the fund to rural counties to assist such counties in

25 providing for ambulance service. The fund shall consist of funds  
26 appropriated by the Legislature from the Health Care Expendable  
27 Fund established under Section 43-13-407. Unexpended amounts  
28 remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse  
29 into the State General Fund. Any interest earned or investment  
30 earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

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32 (2) The department shall have all powers necessary to  
33 implement and administer the program provided for in this section,  
34 and the department shall promulgate rules and regulations  
35 necessary for the implementation and administration of the  
36 program.

37 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
38 and after July 1, 2000.