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Senator White,

Thank you for continuing to be an advocate for EMS.

We need to continue to support EMS workforce development. Based on survey data and license renewals we estimate the annual investment needed for training EMS providers to be \$950,000 in addition to the existing special fund. We also desperately need long term funding and reimbursement reform to relieve the crisis in our EMS system. Medicaid rates need to improve.

- **Initial EMS / Upgrade Education - \$450,000**
  - Voucher Program
    - EMR (100 students, \$350 each) - \$35,000
    - EMT (250 students, \$1,000 each) - \$250,000
    - Advanced EMT (110, \$1,500 each) – \$165,000
  
- **Paramedic Education Reimbursement (20, \$15,000 each) - \$300,000**
  - Awarded to services for post completion reimbursement
  
- **EMS Courses in Underserved EMS Districts - \$100,000**
  - 4 EMS Districts
  - Each District receives 20 fully paid student slots
  - EMT (80 students, \$1,250 each)
  
- **Critical Care Paramedic Education - \$37,500**
  - Two classes annually
  - 30 students, \$1,250 each
  
- **EMS Continuing Education - \$62,500**
  - Annual EMS conference
  - Statewide virtual education
  - Continuing education for EMS educators
  - Leadership development

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Please let me know if I can provide any more information.

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