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Introduced by M. of A. JONES, WOERNER, COOK, RIVERA, BLAKE, STEC, D'URSO, CROUCH, BYRNE, MORINELLO, BLANKENBUSH -- read once and referred to the Committee on Local Governments

AN ACT to amend the general municipal law, in relation to the establishment of special districts for general ambulance services; and to amend the executive law, in relation to a report on volunteer firefighter and ambulance services staffing

   The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1   Section 1. Paragraphs (d), (e) and (f) of subdivision 1 of section
2 122-b of the general municipal law, as amended by chapter 303 of the
3 laws of 1980, are amended to read as follows:
4   (d) **Establish a special district for the financing and operation of**
5 **general ambulance services as set forth by this section, whereby any**
6 **county, city, town or village, acting individually, or jointly with any**
7 **other county, city, town and/or village, through its governing body or**
8 **bodies, following applicable procedures as are required for the estab-**
9 **lishment of fire districts in article eleven of the town law or follow-**
10 **ing applicable procedures as are required for the establishment of joint**
11 **fire districts in article eleven-A of the town law, with such special**
12 **district being authorized by this section to be established in all or**
13 **any part of any such participating county or counties, town or towns,**
14 **city or cities and/or village or villages;**
15   **(e)** Employ any combination of the methods authorized in paragraph (a),
16 (b) [~~or~~]**,** (c) **or (d)**;
17   [**~~(e)~~**] **(f)** No contract shall be entered into pursuant to the provisions
18 of this section for the services of an emergency rescue and first aid
19 squad of a fire department or fire company which is subject to the
20 provisions of section two hundred nine-b of [~~the general municipal law~~]
21 **this chapter**;

   EXPLANATION--Matter in **_italics_** (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
                  [~~-~~] is old law to be omitted.

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1   [**(f)**] **(g)** Consider prehospital emergency treatment as that care
2 provided by certified emergency medical technicians or certified
3 advanced emergency medical technicians certified pursuant to the
4 provisions of article thirty of the public health law.
5   § 2. The executive law is amended by adding a new section 719 to read
6 as follows:
7   **§ 719. Report on volunteer firefighter and ambulance services staff-**
8 **ing. 1. On or before the first day of January two thousand twenty, the**
9 **commissioner, in consultation with the state office of fire prevention**
10 **and control, shall prepare and publish a report on the staffing of**
11 **volunteer firefighter and ambulance services in New York state. Such**
12 **report shall examine and evaluate the challenges and issues concerning**
13 **the recruiting and maintenance of trained, available staffing by volun-**
14 **teer fire departments, districts and companies as well as for volunteer**
15 **ambulance districts and companies. Such report shall specifically exam-**
16 **ine and evaluate the challenges and issues that are particular to rural**
17 **areas of the state and areas with geographic challenges such as moun-**
18 **tains, waterways or limited transportation networks.**
19 **2. In addition to identifying challenges and issues concerning the**
20 **recruiting and maintenance of trained, available staffing by volunteer**
21 **fire departments, districts and companies as well as for volunteer ambu-**
22 **lance districts and companies across New York state, as required by**
23 **subdivision one of this section, such report shall also make recommenda-**
24 **tions on how to address and remediate the challenges and issues identi-**
25 **fied, with such recommendations being submitted to the governor, the**
26 **temporary president of the senate, the speaker of the assembly, the**
27 **chair of the senate standing committee on local government and the chair**
28 **of the assembly standing committee on local government at the time of**
29 **the publishing of the report.**
30   § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.