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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 establish-  
ment 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 Assem-  
bly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Paragraphs (d), (e) and (f) of subdivision 1 of section  
122-b of the general municipal law, as amended by chapter 303 of the  
laws of 1980, are amended to read as follows:

(d) Establish a special district for the financing and operation of  
general ambulance services as set forth by this section, whereby any  
county, city, town or village, acting individually, or jointly with any  
other county, city, town and/or village, through its governing body or  
bodies, following applicable procedures as are required for the estab-  
lishment of fire districts in article eleven of the town law or follow-  
ing applicable procedures as are required for the establishment of joint  
fire districts in article eleven-A of the town law, with such special  
district being authorized by this section to be established in all or  
any part of any such participating county or counties, town or towns,  
city or cities and/or village or villages;

(e) Employ any combination of the methods authorized in paragraph (a),  
(b) ~~or~~, (c) or (d);

~~(e)~~ (f) No contract shall be entered into pursuant to the provisions  
of this section for the services of an emergency rescue and first aid  
squad of a fire department or fire company which is subject to the  
provisions of section two hundred nine-b of ~~[the general municipal law]~~  
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.