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HOUSE BILL 18-1423

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

Valdez and Liston,

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

Crowder and Garcia,

House Committees

Local Government

Senate Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING GRANTS TO PROVIDE EQUIPMENT TO RURAL FIRE
102 PROTECTION DISTRICTS.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

The division of fire prevention and control in the department of public safety is currently authorized to use money in the local firefighter safety and disease prevention fund to provide grants for equipment and training to increase firefighter safety and prevent occupation-related diseases. The bill specifies that the fund may also be used to assist rural special fire protection districts in replacing or refurbishing equipment and

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transfers \$500,000 from the general fund to be used for this purpose.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-33.5-1231,
3 **amend** (2); and **add** (4) as follows:

4 **24-33.5-1231. Local firefighter safety and disease prevention**
5 **fund - creation - grants - rules.** (2) (a) The division shall use the
6 ~~moneys~~ MONEY in the fund to award need-based grants to:

7 (I) Governing bodies and volunteer fire departments to provide
8 funding or reimbursement for equipment and training designed to
9 increase firefighter safety and prevent occupation-related diseases; AND

10 (II) GOVERNING BODIES OF RURAL SPECIAL FIRE PROTECTION
11 DISTRICTS TO REPLACE OR REFURBISH FIRE PROTECTION AND FIREFIGHTING
12 EQUIPMENT.

13 (b) The division may expend up to three percent per year from the
14 fund for its direct and indirect costs in administering the grant program.
15 The general assembly intends that the need-based grants from the fund are
16 in addition to, and do not supplant, other sources of funding regarding
17 firefighting.

18 (4) ON JULY 1, 2018, THE STATE TREASURER SHALL TRANSFER FIVE
19 HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE FUND.
20 THE DIVISION SHALL USE THIS MONEY TO MAKE GRANTS UNDER
21 SUBSECTION (2)(a)(II) OF THIS SECTION.

22 **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
23 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
24 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.