

CHAPTER 3

GOVERNMENT - STATE

HOUSE BILL 22-1194

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AN ACT

CONCERNING LOCAL FIREFIGHTER SAFETY RESOURCES PROVIDED THROUGH THE LOCAL FIREFIGHTER SAFETY AND DISEASE PREVENTION FUND.

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

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-33.5-1231, **amend** (1); and **add** (5) as follows:

24-33.5-1231. Local firefighter safety and disease prevention fund - creation - grants - rules. (1) There is hereby created in the state treasury the local firefighter safety and disease prevention fund, REFERRED TO IN THIS SECTION AS THE "FUND". The fund consists of all ~~moneys~~ MONEY that may be appropriated to the fund by the general assembly and all private and public ~~moneys~~ MONEY received through gifts, grants, or donations that ~~are~~ IS transmitted to the state treasurer and credited to the fund. The state treasurer shall credit all interest earned from the investment of ~~moneys~~ MONEY in the fund to the fund. The ~~moneys~~ MONEY in the fund ~~are~~ IS hereby continuously appropriated to the ~~division~~ DEPARTMENT for the purposes indicated in this section. Any ~~moneys~~ MONEY not expended at the end of each fiscal year ~~remain~~ REMAINS in the fund and shall not be transferred to or revert to the general fund.

(5) (a) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER REQUIREMENT OF THIS SECTION, THE DIVISION SHALL USE THE MONEY TRANSFERRED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (5)(c) OF THIS SECTION TO DIRECTLY PURCHASE AND DISTRIBUTE PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT TO GOVERNING BODIES AND VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS, TO DIRECTLY PAY FOR

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TRAINING DESIGNED TO INCREASE FIREFIGHTER SAFETY AND PREVENT OCCUPATION-RELATED DISEASES FOR GOVERNING BODIES AND VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS, OR TO REIMBURSE GOVERNING BODIES AND VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS FOR THE COSTS OF PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING WITHOUT REQUIRING A GRANT APPLICATION AND PEER REVIEW PROCESS PURSUANT TO SUBSECTIONS (2) AND (3) OF THIS SECTION; EXCEPT THAT THE DIVISION MAY USE THE MONEY FOR ANY PURPOSE AUTHORIZED BY THIS SECTION PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 2022, IF THE DIVISION DETERMINES IT CANNOT USE THE FULL AMOUNT AS OTHERWISE REQUIRED BY THIS SUBSECTION (5)(a).

(b) IN DISTRIBUTING EQUIPMENT, PAYING FOR TRAINING, OR PROVIDING REIMBURSEMENT PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (5)(a) OF THIS SECTION, THE DIVISION SHALL PRIORITIZE GOVERNING BODIES AND VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS THAT IT IDENTIFIES AS HAVING THE GREATEST NEED FOR ASSISTANCE TO ENSURE FIREFIGHTER SAFETY.

(c) WITHIN THREE DAYS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION, THE STATE TREASURER SHALL TRANSFER FIVE MILLION DOLLARS FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE FUND.

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

Approved: March 1, 2022