



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 5666

LCO No. 4923



Referred to Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION AND
EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

Introduced by:
(HED)

***AN ACT CONCERNING GRANTS TO DISTRESSED MUNICIPALITIES
FOR THE TRAINING OF VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) (a) Not later than January 1,
2 2022, and annually thereafter, the chief of a volunteer fire department
3 for a distressed municipality, as defined in section 32-9p of the general
4 statutes, shall submit to the State Fire Administrator a report on the
5 yearly average of the number of volunteer firefighters from such
6 municipality's volunteer fire department who enrolled in Firefighter I
7 certification and recruit training based on the preceding four years,
8 except the year commencing January 1, 2020, shall not be included in
9 any such four preceding years for purposes of calculating such average.

10 (b) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, and each fiscal year
11 thereafter, the State Fire Administrator shall award a grant to any
12 distressed municipality with a volunteer fire department for the
13 purposes of covering costs related to the provision of Firefighter I
14 certification and recruit training for volunteer firefighters at regional fire
15 schools. The amount of such grant award for each such distressed

16 municipality shall be equal to the product of (1) average cost of a
17 Firefighter I certification and recruit training program at a regional fire
18 school, and (2) the average number of volunteer firefighters from such
19 distressed municipality's volunteer fire department who enrolled at a
20 regional fire school for such certification and training.

21 (c) Not later than February 1, 2022, and annually thereafter, the State
22 Fire Administrator shall submit, in accordance with the provisions of
23 section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of
24 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
25 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies a report on the (1)
26 reports submitted by the chiefs of volunteer fire departments of
27 distressed municipalities pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, and
28 (2) average cost of a Firefighter I certification and recruit training
29 program at a regional fire school.

30 Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2021*) The sum of seventy thousand dollars is
31 appropriated to the State Fire Administrator, from the General Fund, for
32 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, for grants to distressed
33 municipalities with a volunteer fire department pursuant to the
34 provisions of subsection (b) of section 1 of this act.

35 Sec. 3. (*Effective July 1, 2021*) The sum of seventy thousand dollars is
36 appropriated to the State Fire Administrator, from the General Fund, for
37 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, for grants to distressed
38 municipalities with a volunteer fire department pursuant to the
39 provisions of subsection (b) of section 1 of this act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To require the State Fire Administrator to issue grants to distressed municipalities for the training of volunteer firefighters.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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