

General Assembly

January Session, 2021

Substitute Bill No. 5666

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) the 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 distressed municipality's volunteer fire department who enrolled at aregional 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.

This act shall sections:	take effect as folle	ws and shall amend the following	5
Section 1	July 1, 2021	New section	

APP Joint Favorable Subst.