

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to fire prevention and control;
 3 creating s. 633.137, F.S.; creating the Firefighter
 4 Cancer Decontamination Equipment Grant Program for
 5 certain purposes; requiring the Division of State Fire
 6 Marshal to administer the program and annually award
 7 grants to qualifying fire departments; requiring the
 8 State Fire Marshal to adopt rules and procedures;
 9 providing eligibility requirements; providing
 10 requirements for grant recipients; providing an
 11 appropriation; providing an effective date.

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 13 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 15 Section 1. Section 633.137, Florida Statutes, is created
 16 to read:

17 633.137 Firefighter Cancer Decontamination Equipment Grant
 18 Program.—

19 (1) The Firefighter Cancer Decontamination Equipment Grant
 20 Program is created within the division to help protect the
 21 health and safety of firefighters in this state. The program
 22 shall provide financial assistance to help fire departments,
 23 including volunteer fire departments, procure equipment,
 24 supplies, and educational training designed to mitigate exposure
 25 to hazardous, cancer-causing chemicals.

26 (2) The division shall administer the program and annually
27 award grants to fire departments on a need-based basis. The
28 division shall distribute equipment and training in a manner
29 that leads to the greatest reduction in incidences of
30 firefighters being exposed to hazardous post-fire contaminants.

31 (3) The State Fire Marshal shall adopt rules and
32 procedures for the program, including for the approval of
33 applications and development of need-based criteria. This
34 criteria shall include, but is not limited to, the
35 decontamination equipment and supply needs of the fire
36 department, the financial needs of the fire department, and the
37 level of nonstate matching funds proposed in the application.
38 Grant applications must include a minimum of 25 percent nonstate
39 funding.

40 (4) Grant recipients must:

41 (a) Report their activity to the division for submission
42 in the Fire and Emergency Incident Information Reporting System
43 created under s. 633.136.

44 (b) Comply with the Florida Firefighters Occupational
45 Safety and Health Act, ss. 633.502-633.536.

46 (c) Comply with any other rule determined by the State
47 Fire Marshal to effectively and efficiently implement,
48 administer, and manage the program.

49 Section 2. For the 2020-2021 fiscal year, the sum of
50 \$250,000 in recurring funds is appropriated from the Insurance

51 | Regulatory Trust Fund to the Department of Financial Services
52 | for the purpose of implementing s. 633.137, Florida Statutes, as
53 | created by this act.

54 | Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.