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HOUSE BILL 22-1194

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

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

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/>.)

Joint Budget Committee. The state treasurer is required to transfer \$5 million from the general fund to the local firefighter safety and disease prevention fund (fund). The money is continuously appropriated to the department of public safety (department). The bill requires the division of fire prevention and control (division) in the

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department to use the money transferred to directly pay for equipment and training for local and volunteer fire departments or to reimburse local and volunteer fire departments for the costs of equipment and training without requiring a grant application and review process. If the division determines it cannot use the full amount to directly pay for equipment and training, it may use the money for any purpose authorized prior to January 1, 2022, for money in the fund. The division is required to prioritize fire departments that it identifies as having the greatest need for assistance to ensure firefighter safety.

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** (1); and **add** (5) as follows:

4 **24-33.5-1231. Local firefighter safety and disease prevention**
5 **fund - creation - grants - rules.** (1) There is hereby created in the state
6 treasury the local firefighter safety and disease prevention fund,
7 REFERRED TO IN THIS SECTION AS THE "FUND". The fund consists of all
8 ~~moneys~~ MONEY that may be appropriated to the fund by the general
9 assembly and all private and public ~~moneys~~ MONEY received through
10 gifts, grants, or donations that ~~are~~ IS transmitted to the state treasurer and
11 credited to the fund. The state treasurer shall credit all interest earned
12 from the investment of ~~moneys~~ MONEY in the fund to the fund. The
13 ~~moneys~~ MONEY in the fund ~~are~~ IS hereby continuously appropriated to the
14 ~~division~~ DEPARTMENT for the purposes indicated in this section. Any
15 ~~moneys~~ MONEY not expended at the end of each fiscal year ~~remain~~
16 REMAINS in the fund and shall not be transferred to or revert to the general
17 fund.

18 (5) (a) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER REQUIREMENT OF THIS
19 SECTION, THE DIVISION SHALL USE THE MONEY TRANSFERRED PURSUANT
20 TO SUBSECTION (5)(c) OF THIS SECTION TO DIRECTLY PURCHASE AND

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

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

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

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