

By Senator Bean

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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 within  
5       the Division of State Fire Marshal of the Department  
6       of Financial Services for certain purposes; requiring  
7       the division to administer the program and annually  
8       award grants, and distribute equipment and training,  
9       to qualifying fire departments in a certain manner;  
10      requiring the State Fire Marshal to adopt rules and  
11      procedures; providing application criteria; providing  
12      requirements for grant recipients; providing an  
13      effective date.

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

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17       Section 1. Section 633.137, Florida Statutes, is created to  
18       read:

19       633.137 Firefighter Cancer Decontamination Equipment Grant  
20       Program.-

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

28       (2) The division shall administer the program and annually  
29       award grants to fire departments on a need-based basis. The

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30 division shall distribute equipment and training in a manner  
31 that leads to the greatest reduction in incidences of  
32 firefighters being exposed to hazardous post-fire contaminants.

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

41 (4) Grant recipients must:

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

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

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

50 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.