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**SENATE BILL**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING A GRANT PROGRAM TO INCREASE LOCAL FIREFIGHTER**  
102 **SAFETY.**

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**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://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)*

**Wildfire Matters Review Committee.** Until July 1, 2013, the wildfire preparedness fund received an annual \$3.25 million transfer from the mineral leasing fund; last year the general assembly substituted a portion of insurance premium taxes as the source of revenues for this fund.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*  
*Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

**Section 1** of the bill directs the state treasurer to annually transfer, for 5 state fiscal years, \$3.25 million from the mineral leasing fund to a newly created local firefighter safety fund.

**Section 2:**

- Creates the local firefighter safety and disease prevention fund and uses it for a need-based grant program to provide funding or reimbursement to local government governing bodies for equipment and training designed to increase firefighter safety and prevent occupation-related diseases;
- Directs the director of the division of fire safety and control to promulgate rules governing the award of the grants, including consideration of the recommendations of the fire service training, certification, and firefighter safety advisory board and the governing body's other fund-raising efforts; and
- Allows the division to expend up to 3% per year from the fund for its direct and indirect costs in administering the grant program.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 34-63-102, **amend**  
3 (5.4) (b) (II) as follows:

4 **34-63-102. Creation of mineral leasing fund - distribution -**  
5 **advisory committee - local government permanent fund created -**  
6 **definitions - repeal.** (5.4) Except as otherwise provided in subsection  
7 (5.5) of this section, on and after July 1, 2008, all moneys other than  
8 bonus payments, as defined in paragraph (b) of subsection (5.3) of this  
9 section, credited to the mineral leasing fund created in subparagraph (II)  
10 of paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of this section shall be distributed on  
11 a quarterly basis for quarters beginning on July 1, October 1, January 1,  
12 and April 1 of each state fiscal year as follows:

13 (b) (II) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, in the  
14 FIVE fiscal years commencing ON OR AFTER July 1, 2012, ~~and July 1,~~  
15 ~~2013, unless another source of funding becomes available~~ 2014, the

1 executive director of the department of local affairs shall transfer, prior  
2 to any other distribution specified in this paragraph (b), three million two  
3 hundred fifty thousand dollars of the moneys available for grant  
4 applications pursuant to this paragraph (b) to the state treasurer, who shall  
5 credit the moneys to the ~~wildfire preparedness~~ LOCAL FIREFIGHTER  
6 SAFETY AND DISEASE PREVENTION fund created in section ~~24-33.5-1227~~  
7 24-33.5-1229, C.R.S. The division of fire prevention and control in the  
8 department of public safety, created pursuant to section 24-33.5-1201,  
9 C.R.S., shall annually report on the use of the moneys transferred  
10 pursuant to this subparagraph (II) to the department of local affairs, the  
11 office of state planning and budgeting, and the general assembly. This  
12 subparagraph (II) is repealed, effective July 1, ~~2016~~ 2020.

13 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 24-33.5-1229 as  
14 follows:

15 **24-33.5-1229. Local firefighter safety and disease prevention**  
16 **fund - creation - grants - rules.** (1) THERE IS HEREBY CREATED IN THE  
17 STATE TREASURY THE LOCAL FIREFIGHTER SAFETY AND DISEASE  
18 PREVENTION FUND. THE FUND CONSISTS OF ALL MONEYS THAT MAY BE  
19 APPROPRIATED TO THE FUND BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, ALL PRIVATE  
20 AND PUBLIC MONEYS RECEIVED THROUGH GIFTS, GRANTS, OR DONATIONS  
21 THAT ARE TRANSMITTED TO THE STATE TREASURER AND CREDITED TO THE  
22 FUND, AND ALL MONEYS TRANSFERRED TO THE FUND PURSUANT TO  
23 SECTION 34-63-102 (5.4) (b) (II), C.R.S. THE STATE TREASURER SHALL  
24 CREDIT ALL INTEREST EARNED FROM THE INVESTMENT OF MONEYS IN THE  
25 FUND TO THE FUND. THE MONEYS IN THE FUND ARE HEREBY  
26 CONTINUOUSLY APPROPRIATED TO THE DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSES  
27 INDICATED IN THIS SECTION. ANY MONEYS NOT EXPENDED AT THE END OF

1 EACH FISCAL YEAR REMAIN IN THE FUND AND SHALL NOT BE TRANSFERRED  
2 TO OR REVERT TO THE GENERAL FUND.

3 (2) THE DIVISION SHALL USE THE MONEYS IN THE FUND TO AWARD  
4 NEED-BASED GRANTS TO GOVERNING BODIES TO PROVIDE FUNDING OR  
5 REIMBURSEMENT FOR EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING DESIGNED TO INCREASE  
6 FIREFIGHTER SAFETY AND PREVENT OCCUPATION-RELATED DISEASES. THE  
7 DIVISION MAY EXPEND UP TO THREE PERCENT PER YEAR FROM THE FUND  
8 FOR ITS DIRECT AND INDIRECT COSTS IN ADMINISTERING THE GRANT  
9 PROGRAM. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY INTENDS THAT THE NEED-BASED  
10 GRANTS FROM THE FUND ARE IN ADDITION TO, AND DO NOT SUPPLANT,  
11 OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDING TO GOVERNING BODIES REGARDING  
12 FIREFIGHTING.

13 (3) THE DIRECTOR SHALL PROMULGATE RULES GOVERNING THE  
14 AWARD OF GRANTS PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION,  
15 INCLUDING CONSIDERATION OF:

16 (a) THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FIRE SERVICE TRAINING,  
17 CERTIFICATION, AND FIREFIGHTER SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD, CREATED IN  
18 SECTION 24-33.5-1204 (1), CONCERNING AWARD APPLICATIONS;

19 (b) THE FINDINGS OF THE COLORADO FIRE SERVICE NEEDS  
20 ASSESSMENT, WHICH THE DIVISION SHALL CONDUCT AT LEAST EVERY  
21 OTHER YEAR; AND

22 (c) A GOVERNING BODY'S EFFORTS TO FINANCE EQUIPMENT AND  
23 TRAINING DESIGNED TO INCREASE FIREFIGHTER SAFETY OTHER THAN  
24 THROUGH AN AWARD OF A GRANT PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

25 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-33.5-1204,  
26 **amend** (1) as follows:

27 **24-33.5-1204. Voluntary education and training program -**

1 **voluntary certification of firefighters, first responders, and**  
2 **hazardous materials responders - advisory board.** (1) For the  
3 purposes of advising the director on the administration of the voluntary  
4 fire service education and training program within the division of fire  
5 prevention and control, THE LOCAL FIREFIGHTER SAFETY AND DISEASE  
6 PREVENTION GRANT PROGRAM CREATED IN SECTION 24-33.5-1229, and the  
7 voluntary firefighter, first responder, and hazardous materials responder  
8 certification programs, there is hereby created in the division of fire  
9 prevention and control the fire service training and certification advisory  
10 board, referred to in this part 12 as the "advisory board", to serve as an  
11 advisory board to the director.

12 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-33.5-1205, **add**  
13 (5) as follows:

14 **24-33.5-1205. Duties of the director and the advisory board.**

15 (5) THE ADVISORY BOARD HAS THE FOLLOWING DUTIES RELATING TO THE  
16 LOCAL FIREFIGHTER SAFETY AND DISEASE PREVENTION GRANT PROGRAM  
17 CREATED IN SECTION 24-33.5-1229:

18 (a) TO ADVISE THE DIRECTOR ON THE PROMULGATION OF RULES  
19 GOVERNING THE LOCAL FIREFIGHTER SAFETY AND DISEASE PREVENTION  
20 GRANT PROGRAM; AND

21 (b) TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS AND  
22 MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE DIRECTOR ON THE AWARD OF GRANTS  
23 UNDER THE PROGRAM.

24 **SECTION 5. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
25 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
26 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.