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SENATE BILL DRS45232-MHa-88

Short Title: Clarify State Fire Protection Grant Fund. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Edwards, J. Davis, and D. Davis (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE REIMBURSEMENT FOR LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENTS
3 PROVIDING PROTECTION TO STATE LANDS.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 SECTION 1. G.S. 58-85A-1 reads as rewritten:

6 "**§ 58-85A-1. Creation of Fund; allocation to local fire districts and political subdivisions**
7 **of the State.**

8 (a) There is created in the Department of Insurance the State Fire Protection Grant Fund.
9 The purpose of the Fund is to compensate local fire districts and political subdivisions of the
10 State for providing local fire protection to State-owned buildings and their ~~contents~~contents and
11 State lands.

12 (b) The Department of Insurance shall develop and implement an equitable and uniform
13 statewide method for distributing any funds to the State's local fire districts and political
14 ~~subdivisions~~subdivisions for the purposes set forth in subsections (a) and (d) of this section.

15 (c) It is the intent of the General Assembly to appropriate annually to the State Fire
16 Protection Grant Fund up to four million one hundred eighty thousand dollars (\$4,180,000) from
17 the General Fund, one hundred fifty-eight thousand dollars (\$158,000) from the Highway Fund,
18 and one million three hundred forty-five thousand dollars (\$1,345,000) from University of North
19 Carolina receipts. Funds received from the General Fund shall be allocated only for providing
20 local fire protection for State-owned property supported by the General Fund; funds received
21 from the Highway Fund shall be allocated only for providing local fire protection for State-owned
22 property supported by the Highway Fund; and funds received from University of North Carolina
23 receipts shall be allocated only for providing local fire protection for State-owned property
24 supported by University of North Carolina receipts.

25 (d) Of the funds appropriated annually to the State Fire Protection Grant Fund from the
26 General Fund, no more than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) shall be allocated to
27 provide compensation to local fire districts and political subdivisions of the State for providing
28 response to emergency calls on State lands not related to the provision of fire protection to State
29 buildings and their contents under subsection (a) of this section."

30 SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.

