

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2023

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HOUSE BILL 565  
PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE H565-PCS40456-TU-9

Short Title: Study Volunteer Firefighter Incentives.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

April 5, 2023

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A STUDY COMMITTEE TO STUDY WAYS TO INCENTIVIZE  
3 THE RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION OF VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** Establishment. – The Committee shall be chaired by the Commissioner  
6 of the Department of Insurance and consist of eight additional members, appointed as follows:

- 7 (1) Two members from the North Carolina Office of State Fire Marshal.
- 8 (2) Two members from the Labor and Economic Analysis Division of the  
9 Department of Commerce.
- 10 (3) Two members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives as  
11 follows:
  - 12 a. One volunteer firefighter.
  - 13 b. One volunteer fire chief.
- 14 (4) Two members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate as  
15 follows:
  - 16 a. One volunteer firefighter.
  - 17 b. One volunteer fire chief.

18 **SECTION 2.** Duties. – The Committee shall study and make recommendations on  
19 ways to incentivize the recruitment and retention of volunteer firefighters.

20 **SECTION 3.** Report. – The Committee shall submit a report of its findings and  
21 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the 2024 Regular Session of the 2023  
22 General Assembly upon its convening.

23 **SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

