

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 598

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

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

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

April 4, 2019

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROVIDE REIMBURSEMENT FOR LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENTS
PROVIDING PROTECTION TO STATE LANDS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

