

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2020 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Banking and Insurance

SB 1092 — Fire Prevention and Control

by Senators Bean and Perry

The bill creates the Firefighter Cancer Decontamination Equipment Grant Program within the Division of the State Fire Marshal to provide financial assistance to qualifying fire departments to help procure equipment, supplies, and educational training material designed to mitigate exposure to hazardous, cancer-causing chemicals.

The bill authorizes the State Fire Marshal to adopt rules and procedures to administer the program, including for the approval of applications and development of need-based criteria. Need-based criteria must include, but are not limited to, the decontamination equipment and supply needs of the fire department, the financial needs of the fire department, and the level of nonstate matching funds proposed in the application.

The bill requires grant recipients to:

- o Obtain a minimum 25 percent nonstate funds;
- o Report their activity to the Division of State Fire Marshal for submission in the Fire and Emergency Incident Information Reporting System;
- o Comply with the Florida Firefighters Occupational Safety and Health Act; and
- o Comply with any other rule determined by the State Fire Marshal to effectively implement, administer, and manage the program.

For Fiscal Year 2020-2021, the bill appropriates \$250,000 in general revenue funds to implement the program.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2020.

Vote: Senate 40-0; House 118-0