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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to fire prevention and control;
3 creating s. 633.137, F.S.; creating the Firefighter
4 Cancer Decontamination Equipment Grant Program within
5 the Division of State Fire Marshal of the Department
6 of Financial Services for certain purposes; requiring
7 the division to administer the program and annually
8 award grants, and distribute equipment and training,
9 to qualifying fire departments in a certain manner;
10 requiring the State Fire Marshal to adopt rules and
11 procedures; providing application criteria; providing
12 requirements for grant recipients; providing an
13 appropriation; providing an effective date.

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15 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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17 Section 1. Section 633.137, Florida Statutes, is created to
18 read:

19 633.137 Firefighter Cancer Decontamination Equipment Grant
20 Program.—

21 (1) The Firefighter Cancer Decontamination Equipment Grant
22 Program is created within the division to help protect the
23 health and safety of firefighters in this state. The program
24 shall provide financial assistance to help fire departments,
25 including volunteer fire departments, procure equipment,
26 supplies, and educational training designed to mitigate exposure
27 to hazardous, cancer-causing chemicals.

28 (2) The division shall administer the program and annually
29 award grants to fire departments on a need-based basis. The

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30 division shall distribute equipment and training in a manner
31 that leads to the greatest reduction in incidences of
32 firefighters being exposed to hazardous post-fire contaminants.

33 (3) The State Fire Marshal shall adopt rules and procedures
34 for the program, including for the approval of applications and
35 development of need-based criteria. This criteria shall include,
36 but are not limited to, the decontamination equipment and supply
37 needs of the fire department, the financial needs of the fire
38 department, and the level of nonstate matching funds proposed in
39 the application. Grant applications must include a minimum of 25
40 percent nonstate funding.

41 (4) Grant recipients must:

42 (a) Report their activity to the division for submission in
43 the Fire and Emergency Incident Information Reporting System
44 created under s. 633.136.

45 (b) Comply with the Florida Firefighters Occupational
46 Safety and Health Act, ss. 633.502-633.536.

47 (c) Comply with any other rule determined by the State Fire
48 Marshal to effectively and efficiently implement, administer,
49 and manage the program.

50 Section 2. For the 2020-2021 fiscal year, the sum of
51 \$250,000 in recurring funds is appropriated from the Insurance
52 Regulatory Trust Fund to the Department of Financial Services
53 for the purpose of implementing s. 633.137, Florida Statutes, as
54 created by this act.

55 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.