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ENGROSSED

SENATE BILL No. 258

DIGEST OF SB 258 (Updated February 20, 2020 10:48 am - DI 128)

Citations Affected: IC 36-8.

Synopsis: Firefighter safety. Requires the board of firefighting personnel standards and education to establish best practices to improve safety and health outcomes for firefighters. Establishes the best practices fund for the purpose of providing matching grants to political subdivisions and volunteer fire departments to purchase equipment and other gear to implement best practices.

Effective: July 1, 2020.

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(HOUSE SPONSORS — FRYE R, BARTELS, KLINKER, LAUER)

January 9, 2020, read first time and referred to Committee on Homeland Security and Transportation.

January 28, 2020, reported favorably — Do Pass.

January 30, 2020, read second time, ordered engrossed. Engrossed.

February 3, 2020, read third time, passed. Yeas 47, nays 0.

HOUSE ACTION

February 10, 2020, read first time and referred to Committee on Veterans Affairs and Public Safety.

February 18, 2020, reported — Do Pass.

February 20, 2020, read second time, amended, ordered engrossed.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2019 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning labor and safety.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 36-8-10.5-11 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
2 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020]: **Sec. 11. (a) The education board must**
4 **establish best practices to improve safety and health outcomes for**
5 **full-time firefighters and volunteer firefighters not later than July**
6 **1, 2021.**

7 (b) **The best practices must include:**
8 (1) **a proactive health and safety risk management system**
9 **consisting of a joint employer and employee governance**
10 **structure to oversee a continuous process of identification,**
11 **evaluation, monitoring and controlling, and reporting safety**
12 **and health hazards in the workplace;**
13 (2) **ways to reduce firefighter risk of exposure to carcinogens;**
14 **and**
15 (3) **ways to prevent or reduce the risk of injuries and illness**
16 **with particular focus on causes of compensable worker's**
17 **compensation or disability claims.**

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1 SECTION 2. IC 36-8-10.5-12 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
2 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020]: **Sec. 12. (a) The best practices fund is**
4 **established for the purpose of providing matching grants to**
5 **political subdivisions and volunteer fire departments to purchase**
6 **equipment and other gear to implement best practices established**
7 **under section 11 of this chapter.**

8 **(b) The fund shall be administered by the education board.**

9 **(c) The fund consists of:**

10 **(1) appropriations from the general assembly; and**

11 **(2) amounts deposited from any other public or private**
12 **source.**

13 **(d) The expenses of administering the fund shall be paid from**
14 **money in the fund.**

15 **(e) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not**
16 **currently needed to meet obligations of the fund in the same**
17 **manner as other public money may be invested. Interest that**
18 **accrues from these investments shall be deposited in the fund.**

19 **(f) Money in the fund at the end of the state fiscal year does not**
20 **revert to the state general fund.**

21 **(g) The education board shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to**
22 **implement this section.**



COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Transportation, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 258, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill DO PASS.

(Reference is to SB 258 as introduced.)

CRIDER, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0

COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Veterans Affairs and Public Safety, to which was referred Senate Bill 258, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 258 as printed January 29, 2020.)

FRYE R

Committee Vote: Yeas 11, Nays 0

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that Engrossed Senate Bill 258 be amended to read as follows:

Page 1, delete lines 1 through 17.

Page 2, delete lines 1 through 15.

Page 2, delete lines 33 through 42.

Page 3, delete lines 1 through 7.

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

(Reference is to ESB 258 as printed February 18, 2020.)

FRYE R

