



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 5666**

January Session, 2021



**AN ACT CONCERNING GRANTS TO DISTRESSED MUNICIPALITIES  
FOR THE TRAINING OF VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) (a) Not later than January 1,  
2 2022, and annually thereafter, the chief of a volunteer fire department  
3 for a distressed municipality, as defined in section 32-9p of the general  
4 statutes, shall submit to the State Fire Administrator a report on the  
5 yearly average of the number of volunteer firefighters from such  
6 municipality's volunteer fire department who enrolled in Firefighter I  
7 certification and recruit training based on the preceding four years,  
8 except the year commencing January 1, 2020, shall not be included in  
9 any such four preceding years for purposes of calculating such average.

10 (b) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, and each fiscal year  
11 thereafter, the State Fire Administrator shall award a grant to any  
12 distressed municipality with a volunteer fire department for the  
13 purposes of covering costs related to the provision of Firefighter I  
14 certification and recruit training for volunteer firefighters at regional fire  
15 schools. The amount of such grant award for each such distressed  
16 municipality shall be equal to the product of (1) the average cost of a  
17 Firefighter I certification and recruit training program at a regional fire  
18 school, and (2) the average number of volunteer firefighters from such

