

## CHAPTER 2020-96

### Senate Bill No. 1092

An act relating to fire prevention and control; creating s. 633.137, F.S.; creating the Firefighter Cancer Decontamination Equipment Grant Program within the Division of State Fire Marshal of the Department of Financial Services for certain purposes; requiring the division to administer the program and annually award grants, and distribute equipment and training, to qualifying fire departments in a certain manner; requiring the State Fire Marshal to adopt rules and procedures; providing application criteria; providing requirements for grant recipients; amending s. 191.006, F.S.; providing that an independent special fire control district has, and that the board of such district may exercise by majority vote, specified powers; providing an appropriation; providing an effective date.

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

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

633.137 Firefighter Cancer Decontamination Equipment Grant Program.—

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

(2) The division shall administer the program and annually award grants to fire departments on a need-based basis. The division shall distribute equipment and training in a manner that leads to the greatest reduction in incidences of firefighters being exposed to hazardous post-fire contaminants.

(3) The State Fire Marshal shall adopt rules and procedures for the program, including for the approval of applications and development of need-based criteria. This criteria shall 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. Grant applications must include a minimum of 25 percent nonstate funding.

(4) Grant recipients must:

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

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

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

Section 2. Subsection (13) of section 191.006, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

191.006 General powers.—The district shall have, and the board may exercise by majority vote, the following powers:

(13) To cooperate or contract with other persons or entities, including other governmental agencies, as necessary, convenient, incidental, or proper in connection with providing effective mutual aid and furthering any power, duty, or purpose authorized by this act. The district has, and the board may exercise, all powers and duties provided in s. 163.01, chapter 189, and this chapter, including such powers within or without the district’s boundary, in cooperation with another governmental agency when such agency shares such powers in common with the district.

Section 3. For the 2020-2021 fiscal year, the sum of \$250,000 in recurring funds is appropriated from the Insurance Regulatory Trust Fund to the Department of Financial Services for the purpose of implementing s. 633.137, Florida Statutes, as created by this act.

Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.

Approved by the Governor June 27, 2020.

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