

H.F. 377
As introduced

Subject Hometown Heroes Assistance Program

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Overview

This bill creates a hometown heroes assistance program to provide financial assistance to firefighters who are diagnosed with cancer or heart disease.

Summary

Section Description

1 Hometown heroes assistance program.

Subd. 1. Definitions. Defines terms used in this section.

Subd. 2. Program established. Directs the commissioner of public safety to award a grant to the MN Firefighter Initiative to administer a hometown heroes assistance program for MN firefighters. The MN Firefighter Initiative is tasked with providing a onetime monetary payment to firefighters who are diagnosed with cancer or heart disease; developing a trauma counseling program for firefighters; and developing training and educational materials to help firefighters reduce the inherent health risks associated with their profession.

Subd. 3. Critical illness monetary support program. Entitles firefighters who are diagnosed with cancer or heart disease to receive a onetime payment of up to \$30,000. Establishes additional eligibility and application requirements. Directs the MN Firefighters Initiative to establish criteria to disburse available grant funds.

Subd. 4. Money from nonstate sources. Authorizes the commissioner to accept funds from nonstate sources to fund the program.

2 Appropriation.

Appropriates an unspecified amount to fund the hometown heroes assistance program.



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