



Senate Bill No. 349

Public Act No. 26-83

**AN ACT CONCERNING MODIFICATIONS TO THE FIREFIGHTERS
CANCER RELIEF FUND.**

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

Section 1. Section 7-313r of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

(a) Not later than ~~[July 1, 2023]~~ October 1, 2026, and annually thereafter, the State Treasurer, in consultation with the Connecticut State Firefighters Association, shall submit a report to (1) the advisory committee established pursuant to section 7-313q, and (2) the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to labor and public employees, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, on the status of the firefighters cancer relief account established pursuant to section 7-313h and the firefighters cancer relief ~~[program]~~ programs established pursuant to ~~[section]~~ sections 7-313j and 7-313p. Such report shall include ~~[(1)] (A)~~ the balance of the account, ~~[(2)] (B)~~ the projected and actual ~~[participation in the program]~~ expenditures for each program, and ~~[(3)] (C)~~ the ~~[demographic information of each firefighter who receives benefits pursuant to such program, including gender, age, town of residence and income level]~~ projected and actual sources of income for the account.

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(b) If the State Treasurer determines that the firefighters cancer relief account is approaching insolvency, the State Treasurer shall provide notice to (1) all municipalities currently providing compensation pursuant to section 7-313p, (2) the Governor's office, (3) the Workers' Compensation Commission, and (4) the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to labor and public employees.

Sec. 2. Section 7-313g of the 2026 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

For purposes of this section and sections 3-123, 7-313h to [7-313k] 7-313j, inclusive, and 29-303, "firefighter" shall include any (1) local fire marshal, deputy fire marshal, fire investigator, fire inspector and such other classes of inspectors and investigators for whom the State Fire Marshal and the Codes and Standards Committee, acting jointly, have adopted minimum standards of qualification pursuant to section 29-298; and (2) uniformed member of a paid municipal, state or volunteer fire department or of the Connecticut Airport Authority, the Tweed-New Haven Airport and any entity that contracts with the Tweed-New Haven Airport Authority.

Sec. 3. Section 7-313k of the general statutes is repealed. (*Effective October 1, 2026*)