



# Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 51**

February Session, 2026

Senate Bill No. 349

*Senate, March 17, 2026*

The Committee on Labor and Public Employees reported through SEN. KUSHNER of the 24th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

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

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

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 Section 7-313r of the general statutes is repealed and the  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

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

16 pursuant to such program, including gender, age, town of residence and  
17 income level] projected and actual sources of income for the account.

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

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26 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  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

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

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

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: |                        |                  |
| Section 1   | <i>October 1, 2026</i> | 7-313r           |
| Sec. 2  | <i>October 1, 2026</i> | 7-313g           |
| Sec. 3  | <i>October 1, 2026</i> | Repealer section |

**LAB**      *Joint Favorable*



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**OFA Fiscal Note****State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None**Explanation**

The bill makes changes to reporting requirements regarding the Firefighters Cancer Relief fund by combining two annual reports into one, modifying the required content, and adding the Labor and Public Employees Committee as a recipient. This does not result in any fiscal impact to the state or municipalities.

**The Out Years****State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None

**OLR Bill Analysis****SB 349*****AN ACT CONCERNING MODIFICATIONS TO THE FIREFIGHTERS  
CANCER RELIEF FUND.*****SUMMARY**

This bill makes changes to the state treasurer's reporting requirements on programs that provide benefits to firefighters with cancer.

Current law requires the treasurer to issue separate annual reports on the status of the Firefighters Cancer Relief Program (due each January) and a separate program that provides workers' compensation-like benefits to firefighters with cancer (due each July). The bill combines these two reporting requirements into one annual report, with the first combined report due by October 1, 2026. It also changes the report's required contents to include the projected and actual (1) expenditures (rather than participation) for each program and (2) income sources for the firefighters cancer relief account (rather than certain demographic information about the firefighters receiving benefits).

The bill also (1) requires the treasurer to submit the report to the Labor and Public Employees Committee (in addition to the Firefighters Cancer Relief Fund Advisory Committee, which receives it under current law) and (2) makes technical and conforming changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2026

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Labor and Public Employees Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 13    Nay 0    (03/05/2026)