



General Assembly

February Session, 2026

***Raised Bill No. 349***

LCO No. 1640



Referred to Committee on LABOR AND PUBLIC  
EMPLOYEES

Introduced by:  
(LAB)

***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 Section 7-313r of the general statutes is repealed and the  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26 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  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*)

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*