

104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**State of Illinois****2025 and 2026****SB1903**

Introduced 2/6/2025, by Sen. Sally J. Turner

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

30 ILCS 105/5.1030 new

Creates the Firefighter Health and Wellness Act. Provides that the Firefighter Health and Wellness Unit is created within the Department of Public Health to investigate the impact of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substance (PFAS) exposure and the rising incidence of cancer among firefighters in Illinois. Provides that the Unit shall conduct a comprehensive study, including baseline PFAS sampling for Illinois firefighters and the provision of cancer screenings. Provides that funding for the Unit shall be allocated from the Firefighter Health and Wellness Fund for the purpose of long-term research focused on understanding the higher rates of cancer within the Illinois firefighter community. Provides that the Unit shall collaborate with Illinois-based universities to develop testing parameters, establish guidelines for voluntary firefighter participation and screening, and identify the root causes contributing to the increased cancer risks faced by Illinois firefighters. Creates the Firefighter Health and Wellness Fund as a separate fund in the State treasury. Provides that moneys in the Fund shall be appropriated by the General Assembly to the Firefighter Health and Wellness Unit for the purposes described in the provision. Amends the State Finance Act to make conforming changes.

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1 AN ACT concerning firefighter health and wellness.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 Firefighter Health and Wellness Act.

6 Section 5. Firefighter Health and Wellness Unit.

7 (a) The Firefighter Health and Wellness Unit is created
8 within the Department of Public Health to investigate the
9 impact of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substance (PFAS)
10 exposure and the rising incidence of cancer among firefighters
11 in Illinois. The Unit shall conduct a comprehensive study,
12 including baseline PFAS sampling for Illinois firefighters and
13 the provision of cancer screenings. Funding for the Unit shall
14 be allocated from the Firefighter Health and Wellness Fund for
15 the purpose of long-term research focused on understanding the
16 higher rates of cancer within the Illinois firefighter
17 community. The Unit shall collaborate with Illinois-based
18 universities to develop testing parameters, establish
19 guidelines for voluntary firefighter participation and
20 screening, and identify the root causes contributing to the
21 increased cancer risks faced by Illinois firefighters.

22 (b) The Firefighter Health and Wellness Fund is created as
23 a special fund in the State treasury. Moneys in the Fund shall

1 be appropriated by the General Assembly to the Firefighter
2 Health and Wellness Unit for the purposes described in
3 subsection (a).

4 Section 90. The State Finance Act is amended by adding
5 Section 5.1030 as follows:

6 (30 ILCS 105/5.1030 new)

7 Sec. 5.1030. The Firefighter Health and Wellness Fund.