

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 743

Short Title: Expand Fire Grant Fund. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators deViere, Fitch, and Lowe (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

May 18, 2020

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO THE NORTH CAROLINA
3 VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND FOR TARGETED RELIEF TO FIRE
4 DEPARTMENTS LOCATED IN ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED AREAS.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
7 Insurance the sum of five million dollars (\$5,000,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2020-2021
8 fiscal year, to be allocated to the Volunteer Fire Department Fund created by G.S. 58-87-1. The
9 Department shall account separately for the funds provided by this act to the Fund.

10 **SECTION 2.** The procedures and requirements set forth in G.S. 58-87-1 apply to
11 grants made using the funds appropriated by this act, with the following alterations:

- 12 (1) Grants shall be limited to counties designated as development tier one, as
13 defined in G.S. 143B-437.08, according to the most recent annual ranking.
14 (2) The applicant shall match the grant on the basis of one dollar (\$1.00) of
15 non-State funds for each three dollars (\$3.00) of grant funds.
16 (3) The maximum grant amount shall be fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000).

17 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2020.

