

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2023**

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**HOUSE BILL 565
Committee Substitute Favorable 4/26/23**

Short Title: Study Volunteer Firefighter Incentives.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

April 5, 2023

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A STUDY COMMITTEE TO STUDY WAYS TO INCENTIVIZE
3 THE RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION OF VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** Establishment. – The Committee shall be chaired by the Commissioner
6 of the Department of Insurance and consist of eight additional members, appointed as follows:

- 7 (1) Two members from the North Carolina Office of State Fire Marshal.
8 (2) Two members from the Labor and Economic Analysis Division of the
9 Department of Commerce.
10 (3) Two members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives as
11 follows:
12 a. One volunteer firefighter.
13 b. One volunteer fire chief.
14 (4) Two members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate as
15 follows:
16 a. One volunteer firefighter.
17 b. One volunteer fire chief.

18 **SECTION 2.** Duties. – The Committee shall study and make recommendations on
19 ways to incentivize the recruitment and retention of volunteer firefighters.

20 **SECTION 3.** Report. – The Committee shall submit a report of its findings and
21 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the 2024 Regular Session of the 2023
22 General Assembly upon its convening.

23 **SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

