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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 585

5 By: Senator J. Dismang  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS FIREFIGHTER CANCER  
9 RELIEF NETWORK TRUST FUND; TO PROVIDE FOR THE USE OF  
10 PROCEEDS TO FUND RELIEF FOR FIREFIGHTERS DIAGNOSED  
11 WITH CANCER; TO PROVIDE A TAX CREDIT TO AN ENTITY  
12 THAT DONATES TO THE ARKANSAS FIREFIGHTER CANCER  
13 RELIEF NETWORK TRUST FUND; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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16 TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS FIREFIGHTER CANCER  
17 RELIEF NETWORK TRUST FUND.  
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 19, Chapter 5, Subchapter 11, is  
24 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

25 19-5-1149. Arkansas Firefighter Cancer Relief Network Trust Fund.

26 (a) There is created on the books of the Treasurer of State, the  
27 Auditor of State, and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State a trust fund to  
28 be known as the "Arkansas Firefighter Cancer Relief Network Trust Fund".

29 (b)(1) The State Insurance Department shall deposit into the State  
30 Treasury one hundred percent (100%) of the moneys collected under § 21-5-110  
31 to the credit of the Arkansas Firefighter Cancer Relief Network Trust Fund.

32 (2) The Arkansas Firefighter Cancer Relief Network Trust Fund  
33 shall consist of funds donated under § 21-5-110 and any other moneys as may  
34 be provided by law.

35 (c) The Arkansas Firefighter Cancer Relief Network Trust Fund shall be  
36 used for providing funds for relief for firefighters who are diagnosed with



1 cancer and participating in a firefighter cancer relief network under § 21-5-  
2 110.

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4 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 21, Chapter 5, Subchapter 1, is amended  
5 to add an additional section to read as follows:

6 21-5-110. State Insurance Department – Arkansas Firefighter Cancer  
7 Relief Network Trust Fund – Proceeds.

8 (a)(1) The State Insurance Department shall maintain the Arkansas  
9 Firefighter Cancer Relief Network Trust Fund.

10 (2)(A) The purpose of the trust fund is to fund relief for  
11 firefighters who are diagnosed with cancer and participating in a firefighter  
12 cancer relief network created and governed by the Arkansas Association of  
13 Fire Chiefs, the Arkansas Professional Fire Fighters Association, and the  
14 Arkansas State Firefighters Association Inc. from funds donated under this  
15 section.

16 (B) The department shall deposit any donated funds  
17 received under subdivision (a)(2)(A) of this section into the fund.

18 (b) The Arkansas Association of Fire Chiefs, the Arkansas Professional  
19 Fire Fighters Association, and the Arkansas State Firefighters Association  
20 Inc. shall determine eligibility and award amounts under the rules  
21 promulgated by the department.

22 (c) The entities named in subsection (b) of this section shall return  
23 to the department any excess funding which has been donated to the fund for  
24 the purpose of funding a firefighter cancer relief network.

25 (d) The department shall promulgate rules necessary to implement this  
26 section.

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28 SECTION 3. *DO NOT CODIFY. Rules.*

29 (a) The State Insurance Department shall promulgate rules necessary to  
30 implement this act.

31 (b)(1) When adopting the initial rules to implement this act, the  
32 final rule shall be filed with the Secretary of State for adoption under §  
33 25-15-204(f):

34 (A) On or before January 1, 2020; or

35 (B) If approval under § 10-3-309 has not occurred by  
36 January 1, 2020, as soon as practicable after approval under § 10-3-309.

1                   (2) The department shall file the proposed rule with the  
2 Legislative Council under § 10-3-309(c) sufficiently in advance of January 1,  
3 2020, so that the Legislative Council may consider the rule for approval  
4 before January 1, 2020.

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7                   */s/J. Dismang*

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