

**SENATE . . . . . No.**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Michael D. Brady***

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*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

**An Act establishing the Firefighter Staffing Grant Program.**

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Michael D. Brady*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Second Plymouth and Norfolk*

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By Mr. Brady, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Michael D. Brady for legislation to establish the Firefighter Staffing Grant Program. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act establishing the Firefighter Staffing Grant Program.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 22D of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after  
2 section 6, the following section:-

3 Section 7. (a) There shall be in the department of fire services, but not under its control, a  
4 fire fighter staffing coordinating council for the purposes of providing municipal staffing  
5 recommendations and administering the firefighter staffing grant fund. The council shall consist  
6 of: the secretary of public safety and security or a designee; the state fire marshal or a designee;  
7 and 5 members to be appointed by the governor, 2 of whom shall be members of the Fire Chiefs'  
8 Association of Massachusetts, Inc., 2 of whom shall be members of the Professional Fire  
9 Fighters of Massachusetts and 1 of whom shall be a member a representative of the insurance  
10 industry. The governor shall appoint members for a term of 3 years and any such member shall  
11 be eligible for reappointment. A person shall not receive compensation for service as a member  
12 of the council.

13 (b) Every four years, the council shall conduct a comprehensive municipal fire fighter  
14 staffing survey to inform awards granted under the firefighter staffing grant program, shall  
15 administer the program and shall promulgate regulations necessary for its implementation not  
16 later than one hundred eighty days after the effective date of this act.

17 (c) The council shall administer the program and establish an application process,  
18 including application forms, deadlines, and submission requirements. The council shall accept  
19 applications on an annual basis, or more frequently as the council may determine.

20 SECTION 2. Chapter 29 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after  
21 section 2FFFFFFF the following section:-

22 Section 2XXXXXX. There is hereby established on the books of the Commonwealth a  
23 separate fund to be known as the Firefighter Staffing Grant Fund. The fund shall be  
24 administered by the fire fighter staffing coordinating council and shall be used exclusively to  
25 provide financial assistance to eligible municipalities to hire, retain, and train firefighters to  
26 achieve staffing levels consistent with NFPA 1710 or, for volunteer and combination  
27 departments, NFPA 1720.

28 The fund shall consist of appropriations or other money authorized by the General Court  
29 and specifically designated to be credited to the fund; funds from federal, private, or other  
30 sources received by the Commonwealth for the purpose of firefighter staffing assistance; interest  
31 earned on money in the fund; and funds from any other source.

32 Money in the fund shall be expended without further appropriation. Any unexpended  
33 balance in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not revert to the General Fund and shall be  
34 available for expenditure in subsequent fiscal years.