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Amendment 23

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moves to amend Amendment 23 on page 10, line 35, by rewriting the line to read:

"7. Any cancer diagnosis that qualified the firefighter for benefits under the Firefighters' Cancer Insurance Program, established under Article 86A of Chapter 58 of the General Statutes, and because of which benefits under that program were received."

SECTION 38.8.(a1) Article 86A of Chapter 58 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 58-86A-10. Firefighters' Health Benefits Pilot Program.

Any firefighter having received a benefit under the Firefighters' Health Benefits Pilot Program shall be deemed to have received benefits under the Firefighters' Cancer Insurance Program under this Article."

SECTION 38.8.(a2) G.S. 58-86A-1 reads as rewritten:

"§ 58-86A-1. Firefighters' Cancer Insurance Program established; purpose.

(a) There is hereby established the Firefighters' Cancer Insurance Program in the Office of the State Fire Marshal. The purpose of the Program is to provide health benefits as authorized by this Article to eligible firefighters with a new diagnosis of cancer on or after January 1, 2022. The health benefits provided under this Program shall be supplemental to any other health benefits authorized by law for firefighters. The Program is a permanent continuation of the Firefighters' Health Benefits Pilot Program.

(b) The Office of the State Fire Marshal shall administer the Program instead of purchasing private Program. The State Fire Marshal shall not purchase commercial insurance for that purpose, and the Office shall perform this duty by contracting the purpose of the Program and instead shall contract with a third-party administrator. The contracting procedure for the third-party administrator is not subject to Article 3C of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes.

(c) The Office of the State Fire Marshal may use up to ten percent (10%) of the funds appropriated in each fiscal biennium for the Program for the reasonable and necessary expenses incurred by the Office in administering the Program."

SECTION 38.8.(a3) G.S. 58-86A-2 reads as rewritten:

"§ 58-86A-2. Definitions.

The following definitions apply in this Article:

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(5) Firefighters' Health Benefits Pilot Program. — The pilot program established under Section 30.4A of S.L. 2021-180.

(6) Reserved for future codification purposes.

(7) Program. — The Firefighters' Cancer Insurance Program under this Article."";

and on page 10, line 41, by deleting "five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000)" and substituting "four million dollars (\$4,000,000)";

and on page 11, lines 2-5, by rewriting the lines to read:

"Report referenced in Section 45.2 of this act to the contrary, the funds appropriated to the following entities are adjusted for each year of the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium as follows:

(1) By reducing the appropriation to the Department of Revenue for returns payment and processing in Budget Code 14700 by five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000).

(2) By increasing the systemwide budget reductions in Budget Code 16011 for The Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina by three million five hundred thousand dollars (\$3,500,000)."";

and on page 11, lines 6-7, by inserting the following language to read:

"and on page 233, line 31, by deleting the line and substituting the following:

"exempt from all other requirements of this Article and shall not be subject to licensure.

(e) In the event the program's certification as a family child care home operator is suspended or terminated due to noncompliance with the health, safety, or licensing standards or there is substantiated evidence of child abuse, neglect, or endangerment, the operator shall be ineligible to apply for a child care license pursuant to this Article and, if voluntarily licensed by the Department under this Article, shall be subject to an administrative action revoking its child care license. Further, if the DOD or United States Coast Guard substantiates child abuse, neglect, or endangerment, the operator shall have the operator's name placed on the North Carolina Child Maltreatment Registry and shall not be a caregiver pursuant to G.S. 110-105.5."";

and by adjusting the appropriate totals accordingly.

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