

1-1 By: Bumgarner, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Parker) H.B. No. 198
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 7, 2025;
 1-3 May 7, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Local
 1-4 Government; May 13, 2025, reported favorably by the following
 1-5 vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 13, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Bettencourt	X			
1-8 Middleton	X			
1-9 Cook	X			
1-10 Gutierrez			X	
1-11 Nichols	X			
1-12 Paxton	X			
1-13 West	X			

1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to periodic health screenings for firefighters.
 1-18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
 1-19 SECTION 1. This Act may be cited as the Wade Cannon Act.
 1-20 SECTION 2. Chapter 180, Local Government Code, is amended
 1-21 by adding Section 180.011 to read as follows:
 1-22 Sec. 180.011. OCCUPATIONAL CANCER SCREENING FOR
 1-23 FIREFIGHTERS. (a) In this section, "firefighter" means an
 1-24 individual defined as fire protection personnel under Section
 1-25 419.021, Government Code.
 1-26 (b) A political subdivision that employs firefighters shall
 1-27 offer an occupational cancer screening to each firefighter at no
 1-28 cost to the firefighter in the fifth year of the firefighter's
 1-29 employment, and once every year following the initial screening.
 1-30 (c) The occupational cancer screening offered under
 1-31 Subsection (b) must be confidential, and in addition to testing for
 1-32 cancer, include:
 1-33 (1) a urine test;
 1-34 (2) a pulmonary function test;
 1-35 (3) an electrocardiogram;
 1-36 (4) an infectious disease screening;
 1-37 (5) a breast cancer screening;
 1-38 (6) a blood test; and
 1-39 (7) subject to Subsection (d), a chest x-ray.
 1-40 (d) A firefighter is eligible to receive a chest x-ray
 1-41 during the screening under this section once every five years.
 1-42 (e) The Texas Commission on Fire Protection shall adopt
 1-43 rules establishing minimum standards for the screening under this
 1-44 section using standards developed by the National Fire Protection
 1-45 Association.
 1-46 (f) Notwithstanding Subsection (b), a political subdivision
 1-47 that employs firefighters is not required to offer a screening
 1-48 under this section if the political subdivision offers an annual
 1-49 occupational medical examination under a plan submitted to the
 1-50 Texas Commission on Fire Protection no later than February 1 of each
 1-51 year. The plan must be endorsed by a physician and be in
 1-52 substantial compliance with standards developed by the National
 1-53 Fire Protection Association. The Texas Commission on Fire
 1-54 Protection shall adopt rules to implement this subsection.
 1-55 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect June 1, 2026.

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