

1-1 By: Bonnen, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Middleton) H.B. No. 5424
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 12, 2025;
1-3 May 12, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Local
1-4 Government; May 16, 2025, reported favorably by the following
1-5 vote: Yeas 6, Nays 1; May 16, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	Bettencourt	X			
1-9	Middleton	X			
1-10	Cook	X			
1-11	Gutierrez	X			
1-12	Nichols		X		
1-13	Paxton	X			
1-14	West	X			

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

1-17 relating to volunteer firefighter compensation limits.
1-18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
1-19 SECTION 1. Section 419.0322(c), Government Code, is amended
1-20 to read as follows:
1-21 (c) A fire department may not, in a calendar year,
1-22 compensate, reimburse, or provide benefits to an individual
1-23 designated as a volunteer or auxiliary firefighter that exceeds 20
1-24 percent of the highest total compensation paid to full-time fire
1-25 protection personnel by a local government:
1-26 (1) in the county in which the department is located;
1-27 or
1-28 (2) if the county does not have a local government that
1-29 pays compensation to full-time fire protection personnel, in an
1-30 adjacent county to the county in which the department is located [to
1-31 a person the department has designated as a volunteer or other
1-32 auxiliary fire fighter to the extent that the person would be
1-33 considered fully paid fire protection personnel].
1-34 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2026.

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