

1-1 By: Sparks, et al. S.B. No. 868
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed January 22, 2025; February 13, 2025,
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Finance;
 1-4 April 3, 2025, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
 1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 15, Nays 0; April 3, 2025,
 1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-24 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 868 By: Bettencourt

1-25 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-26 AN ACT

1-27 relating to the allocation of money appropriated to the rural
 1-28 volunteer fire department assistance program.

1-29 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-30 SECTION 1. Section 614.102, Government Code, is amended by
 1-31 adding Subsection (i) to read as follows:

1-32 (i) Except as otherwise provided by this subsection, at
 1-33 least 10 percent of appropriations for a state fiscal year from the
 1-34 fund for the purpose of providing assistance to volunteer fire
 1-35 departments under the program is allocated to departments in areas
 1-36 of the state classified as being at high risk for large wildfires by
 1-37 the service. If the amount of assistance requested by departments
 1-38 described by this subsection in a state fiscal year is less than the
 1-39 amount allocated under this subsection, the remaining amount may be
 1-40 used for other types of requests for assistance.

1-41 SECTION 2. Section 614.102(i), Government Code, as added by
 1-42 this Act, applies only to an appropriation made from the volunteer
 1-43 fire department assistance fund on or after the effective date of
 1-44 this Act.

1-45 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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