

Subject Hometown Heroes Assistance Program

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Summary

This bill clarifies the legislative intent regarding the types of care that are eligible for reimbursement under the hometown heroes assistance program, which is a program that the legislature created in 2021 to assist firefighters with critical illnesses and mental health care. The bill specifies that expenses related to peer-to-peer counseling are reimbursable under the program.

The bill also provides that each firefighter is eligible for two hours of training in understanding and mitigating the risk of job-related critical illnesses and emotional trauma. (Current law suggests that the two hours of training must be provided annually to each firefighter.)