

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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