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S.B. No. 868

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the allocation of money appropriated to the rural  
volunteer fire department assistance program.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

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

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

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

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