

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

1-8		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-9	Huffman	X			
1-10	Hinojosa of Hidalgo	X			
1-11	Alvarado	X			
1-12	Bettencourt	X			
1-13	Campbell	X			
1-14	Creighton	X			
1-15	Flores	X			
1-16	Hall	X			
1-17	Kolkhorst	X			
1-18	Nichols	X			
1-19	Paxton	X			
1-20	Perry	X			
1-21	Schwertner	X			
1-22	West	X			
1-23	Zaffirini	X			

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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