COMMITTEE REPORT

January 16, 2019

**S. 326**

Introduced by Senator Massey

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Read the first time January 8, 2019.

**THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

To whom was referred a Joint Resolution (S. 326) to direct the State Law Enforcement Division to distribute two hundred fifty thousand dollars to the South Carolina State Firefighters Association, etc., respectfully

**REPORT:**

That they have duly and carefully considered the same and recommend that the same do pass:

HUGH K. LEATHERMAN, SR. for Committee.

**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**

**Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

**Introduced on January 8, 2019**

**State Expenditure**

This bill requires SLED to disburse $250,000 of appropriated funds to the South Carolina State Firefighters Association for the reimbursement to firefighters and emergency medical technicians who incur out-of-pocket expenses for mental injury as a result of a critical incident during the scope of their employment. SLED will receive a total of $51,288,539 in general fund appropriations pursuant to Act 264 of 2018.

Frank A. Rainwater, Executive Director

Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office

**A** **JOINT RESOLUTION**

TO DIRECT THE STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION TO DISTRIBUTE TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION TO PROVIDE FOR POST TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER INSURANCE AND PROGRAMS.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. From the funds appropriated to it in Act 264 of 2018, the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Appropriations Act, the State Law Enforcement Division shall distribute two hundred fifty thousand dollars to the South Carolina State Firefighters Association for the South Carolina Firefighter Assistance Support Team to reimburse firefighters and emergency medical technicians who incur mental injury as a result of a critical incident during the scope of their employment, for actual out-of-pocket expenses not covered through workers’ compensation claims or other insurance. The funds can also be utilized to provide services through the South Carolina Firefighters Assistance Support Team.

SECTION 2. This joint resolution takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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