SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Department of Public Safety Standards and Training Assistance to Firefighters

To: Ways and Means Full Committee

From: Public Safety Subcommittee

Carrier: Representative Lewis

On February 29, the Public Safety Subcommittee recommended approval of the submission of a federal grant application from the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security in the amount of up to \$500,000 for the Assistance to Firefighters grant program.

The Department has successfully applied for this annual grant since 2015 and typically uses the funds to purchase mobile firefighting training equipment to provide training throughout the state. With these grant funds, the Department would purchase two flammable liquids and gas props, one vehicle fire prop, and one ventilation prop.

This is a competitive grant with a 15% state match-requirement, which the Department can meet with existing funds in the program. If awarded, the Department would return to the Emergency Board to request additional Federal Funds expenditure limitation.

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends approval.