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Version: As Introduced

Primary Sponsor: Sen. Patton

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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The bill requires a trial judge, in addition to any other legal costs, to assess a penalty of \$50,000 against an employer if the employer appealed an award for compensation or benefits under the state Workers' Compensation Law for cancer contracted by a firefighter in the course of hazardous duty and the claimant loses the appeal. The bill requires the penalty to be paid to the claimant.

The bill has no direct fiscal effect to the state and local governments. However, if a public employer loses an appeal related to specified cancer-related workers' compensation awards incurred while performing official duties as a firefighter, it may increase the local public employer's costs. The actual costs to public employers would depend on the number of such employers that would appeal the awards and if they lose their appeals. The fine may also deter such public employers from appealing such awards.