

1.1 Senator moves to amend the delete-everything amendment (SCS1417A-1)
1.2 to S.F. No. 1417 as follows:

1.3 Page 10, after line 20, insert:

1.4 **"(h) Fire Service Assessment**

1.5 The state fire marshal shall conduct or contract
1.6 with a third party to conduct a comprehensive
1.7 assessment of how firefighting services are
1.8 provided in Minnesota and make
1.9 recommendations for any proposed changes.

1.10 At a minimum, the assessment must include:

1.11 (1) a macro-level review and analysis of
1.12 incidents; incident types; response metrics;
1.13 geographical distribution; life, safety, and
1.14 property damage impacts; and trend projection
1.15 analysis, benchmarked against national
1.16 standards and best practices, including those
1.17 of the National Fire Protection Association;

1.18 (2) an analysis of the number of fire
1.19 departments and types of staffing in Minnesota
1.20 compared to other states regionally and
1.21 nationally, including staff response by time of
1.22 day and day of the week;

1.23 (3) an analysis of the available data sets to
1.24 determine what data is incomplete, inaccurate,
1.25 or missing to make informed decisions in the
1.26 future;

1.27 (4) an analysis of the effective response force
1.28 of firefighters across the state, identifying any
1.29 trends and patterns impacting the delivery of
1.30 fire and life safety services;

1.31 (5) an analysis of the training, certification,
1.32 and licensing of Minnesota firefighters,
1.33 including initial and annual training, officers,

2.1 inspectors, investigators, and specialty
2.2 disciplines such as technical rescue and
2.3 hazardous materials;

2.4 (6) an analysis of the recruitment and retention
2.5 of fire department staff including volunteer,
2.6 paid-on-call, part-time, contract, and full-time
2.7 firefighters;

2.8 (7) a macro-level evaluation of fire department
2.9 equipment, including personal protective
2.10 equipment, apparatus equipment,
2.11 communications equipment, and infrastructure,
2.12 benchmarked against national standards and
2.13 best practices, including those of the National
2.14 Fire Protection Association; and

2.15 (8) a macro-level evaluation of the funding
2.16 for firefighting services in Minnesota and how
2.17 it compares to other states.

2.18 In conducting the assessment, the fire marshal
2.19 shall hold in-person and virtual stakeholder
2.20 listening sessions with the Minnesota State
2.21 Fire Chiefs Association, the Minnesota State
2.22 Fire Department Association, the Minnesota
2.23 Professional Firefighters Association, the
2.24 League of Minnesota Cities, the Minnesota
2.25 Association of Townships, and other statewide
2.26 and regional associations identified by the
2.27 commissioner of public safety. In conducting
2.28 the assessment and making recommendations
2.29 for proposed changes, the fire marshal shall
2.30 consider the current diverse nature of the fire
2.31 service in Minnesota, including the various
2.32 staffing models employed and the
2.33 geographical makeup of the state.

3.1 The fire marshal may request onetime funding
3.2 to complete this assessment through the Fire
3.3 Service Advisory Committee.

3.4 By December 31, 2026, the fire marshal shall
3.5 report on the assessment conducted and any
3.6 recommendations for changes to the chairs
3.7 and ranking minority members of the
3.8 legislative committees with jurisdiction over
3.9 public safety and commerce."