

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2026-444

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: May 26, 2026

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, F

Date of Analysis: May 27, 2026

Type of Action: Appropriation and designation of oversight agency

Bill Summary: This bill is an appropriation of \$13,900 of grant funds from the Florida Department of Children and Families to the Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department. JFRD will provide oversight.

Background Information: The purpose of this legislation is to provide funds to the Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department to support the purchase of a rip current simulator that will enhance operational training. The simulator will be utilized by JFRD Marine Unit personnel, Swift Water Rescue teams, and recruit classes, while also supporting community outreach in partnership with Jacksonville Beach Lifeguards and other coastal stakeholders. Funding includes \$12,750 for equipment and up to \$1,150 for training expenses, provided as a cost-reimbursement.

Policy Impact Area: Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department

Fiscal Impact: Appropriation of \$13,900 as initiated by B.T. 26-064, no local match required

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