



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 265

LCO No. 2137



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by:
(PS)

AN ACT CONCERNING REIMBURSEMENT OF FIREFIGHTER TRAINING COSTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2020*) (a) For purposes of this
2 section:

3 (1) "Entry-level training" means the training requirements associated
4 with performing the basic duties of a firefighter, as determined by the
5 state fire school, a municipal or regional fire school or a municipality
6 within this state;

7 (2) "Cost of entry-level training" means the cost of training,
8 equipment, uniforms, salary and fringe benefits and any cost related to
9 firefighter entry-level training, except for the cost of any equipment or
10 uniforms that were returned by such firefighter;

11 (3) "Firefighter" has the same meaning as provided in section 7-323j
12 of the general statutes, except that "firefighter" does not include a
13 volunteer firefighter; and

14 (4) "Municipality" has the same meaning as provided in section 7-323j
15 of the general statutes.

16 (b) If a firefighter who satisfactorily completes entry-level training
17 while employed by a municipality is subsequently hired by another
18 municipality on or after July 1, 2020, and within two years after the
19 firefighter completed the entry-level training, the municipality that
20 subsequently hires the firefighter shall reimburse the initial employing
21 municipality fifty per cent of the total cost of the entry-level training.
22 The provisions of this section shall not apply to a municipality that hires
23 a firefighter two years or more after the firefighter completes entry-level
24 training.

25 (c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to affect an agreement
26 between a firefighter or a collective bargaining unit and a municipality
27 entered into prior to July 1, 2020, that provides for the reimbursement
28 of the cost of entry-level training.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2020	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To require a fire department to be reimbursed for a portion of the costs of the entry-level training of a firefighter who is subsequently hired by another department within two years of the completion of the firefighter's entry-level training.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]