

HOUSE BILL 1790

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 6, Chapter 56, Part 4 and Title 10, Chapter 7, Part 5, relative to finance officers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 6-56-403(a), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting:

(a) The municipal technical advisory service (MTAS) of the University of Tennessee's institute for public service, with the approval of the state comptroller's office, shall develop a curriculum, including testing, leading to the designation of certified municipal finance officer (CMFO). The program must include a combination of course and lab work related to current municipal financial management topics.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 6-56-403(c), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting:

(c) To achieve the CMFO designation, a candidate shall demonstrate proficiency in the subject matter by passing a series of examinations on the course materials. A CMFO candidate, however, may choose to take an examination on the subject matter before taking a course, except for the course covering the governmental environment, which is mandatory for all candidates. If the candidate makes a passing grade on the examination, then the candidate must receive credit toward the CMFO designation without attending the training class in which the particular subject matter is covered. A candidate who passes all the examinations is eligible to receive the CMFO designation, and must receive that designation upon application to and certification by the comptroller of the treasury's office.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 6-56-403(d), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting:

(d) Training must be provided and examinations administered by the staff of MTAS. All examinations administered by MTAS as part of the certified municipal finance officer program, including, but not limited to, the total bank of questions from which the tests are developed, the answers, and the answer sheets of individual test takers, are confidential and are not open for public inspection, notwithstanding § 10-7-503.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 10-7-504, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

( ) All examinations administered by the University of Tennessee's county technical assistance service (CTAS) as part of the certified county finance officer program, including, but not limited to, the total bank of questions from which the tests are developed, the answers, and the answer sheets of individual test takers, are confidential and are not open for public inspection, notwithstanding § 10-7-503.

SECTION 5. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.