
SENATE BILL No. 322

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 36-8-10.5.

Synopsis: Firefighter training. Provides that a full-time firefighter employed after June 30, 2009, must complete the training for Firefighter I and Firefighter II during the firefighter's first year of employment as a full-time firefighter. Allows the director of the division of preparedness and training of the department of homeland security (director) to grant six month extensions of time to complete the training requirements for any reason. Requires a fire department to request the extension on behalf of a firefighter employed by the department. Requires a fire department to report to the director when a firefighter employed by the department has completed the training requirements.

Effective: July 1, 2009.

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January 8, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on Homeland Security, Transportation & Veterans Affairs.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning local government.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 36-8-10.5-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.148-2007,
- 2 SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 3 JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 7. (a) The education board shall adopt rules under
- 4 IC 4-22-2 establishing minimum basic training requirements for
- 5 full-time firefighters and volunteer firefighters, subject to subsection
- 6 (b) **and section 7.5 of this chapter**. The requirements must include
- 7 training in the following areas:
- 8 (1) Orientation.
- 9 (2) Personal safety.
- 10 (3) Forcible entry.
- 11 (4) Ventilation.
- 12 (5) Apparatus.
- 13 (6) Ladders.
- 14 (7) Self-contained breathing apparatus.
- 15 (8) Hose loads.
- 16 (9) Streams.
- 17 (10) Basic recognition of special hazards.



1 (b) A person who fulfills the certification requirements for:
 2 (1) Firefighter I, as described in 655 IAC 1-2.1-4; or
 3 (2) Firefighter II, as described in 655 IAC 1-2.1-5;
 4 is considered to comply with the requirements established under
 5 subsection (a).

6 (c) In addition to the requirements of subsections (a) and (d), the
 7 minimum basic training requirements for full-time firefighters and
 8 volunteer firefighters must include successful completion of a basic or
 9 inservice course of education and training on sudden infant death
 10 syndrome that is certified by the emergency medical services
 11 commission (created under IC 16-31-2-1) in conjunction with the state
 12 health commissioner.

13 (d) In addition to the requirements of subsections (a) and (c), the
 14 minimum basic training requirements for full-time and volunteer
 15 firefighters must include successful completion of an instruction course
 16 on vehicle emergency response driving safety. The education board
 17 shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to operate this course.

18 SECTION 2. IC 36-8-10.5-7.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 19 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 20 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009]: **Sec. 7.5. (a) As used in this section,**
 21 **"director" means the director of the division of preparedness and**
 22 **training of the department of homeland security established by**
 23 **IC 10-19-5-1.**

24 (b) **Except as provided in subsection (c), an individual whose**
 25 **employment by a fire department as a full-time firefighter begins**
 26 **after June 30, 2009, must complete the training for Firefighter I (as**
 27 **described in 655 IAC 1-2.1-4) and Firefighter II (as described in**
 28 **655 IAC 1-2.1-5) during the firefighter's first year of employment.**
 29 **The fire department that employs a firefighter shall report to the**
 30 **director when the firefighter has completed the training**
 31 **requirements established by this subsection.**

32 (c) **The director may grant a firefighter any number of**
 33 **extensions of six (6) months to complete the training required**
 34 **under subsection (b). An extension must be requested by the fire**
 35 **department that employs the firefighter. An extension may be**
 36 **requested for any reason, including the following:**

- 37 (1) **The firefighter has been attending training in accordance**
 38 **with section 8 of this chapter in any of the following:**
 39 (A) **Hazardous materials.**
 40 (B) **Paramedic training.**
 41 (C) **Emergency medical technician training.**
 42 (D) **Technical training.**

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- 1 **(2) The firefighter was unable to complete the training due to**
- 2 **economic reasons.**
- 3 **(d) The director shall determine whether a firefighter receives**
- 4 **an extension under this section.**

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