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By House Local Government (originally sponsored by Representatives Griffey, Blake, Lytton, and G. Hunt)

1 AN ACT Relating to delivery of basic firefighter training and
2 testing; and amending RCW 43.43.934.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.43.934 and 2012 c 229 s 818 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 The director of fire protection shall:

7 (1)(a)(i) With the state board for community and technical
8 colleges, provide academic, vocational, and field training programs
9 for the fire service; and (ii) with the state colleges and
10 universities, provide instructional programs requiring advanced
11 training, especially in command and management skills;

12 (b) Cooperate with the common schools, technical and community
13 colleges, institutions of higher education, and any department or
14 division of the state, or of any county or municipal corporation in
15 establishing and maintaining instruction in fire service training and
16 education in accordance with any act of congress and legislation
17 enacted by the legislature in pursuance thereof and in establishing,
18 building, and operating training and education facilities.

19 Industrial fire departments and private fire investigators may
20 participate in training and education programs under this chapter for
21 a reasonable fee established by rule;

1 (c) Develop and adopt a master plan for constructing, equipping,
2 maintaining, and operating necessary fire service training and
3 education facilities subject to the provisions of chapter 43.19 RCW;

4 (d) Develop and adopt a master plan for the purchase, lease, or
5 other acquisition of real estate necessary for fire service training
6 and education facilities in a manner provided by law; and

7 (e)(i) ~~Develop and adopt a plan ((with a goal of providing~~
8 ~~firefighter one and wildland training to all firefighters in the~~
9 ~~state. Wildland training reimbursement will be provided if a fire~~
10 ~~protection district or a city fire department has and is fulfilling~~
11 ~~their interior attack policy or if they do not have an interior~~
12 ~~attack policy. The plan will include a reimbursement for fire~~
13 ~~protection districts and city fire departments of not less than three~~
14 ~~dollars for every hour of firefighter one or wildland training. The~~
15 ~~Washington state patrol shall not provide reimbursement for more than~~
16 ~~two hundred hours of firefighter one or wildland training for each~~
17 ~~firefighter trained))~~ for the Washington state patrol fire training
18 academy to deliver basic firefighter training and testing to all city
19 fire departments, fire protection districts, regional fire protection
20 service authorities, and other public fire agencies in the state.
21 The plan required by this subsection (1)(e) must specify that the
22 delivery of training and testing services will be provided:

23 (A) To recipients in the following order of priority:

24 (I) Volunteer departments;

25 (II) Combination departments; and

26 (III) Fire agencies that employ only career firefighters and fire
27 officers; and

28 (B) By personnel of the fire training academy, either at the
29 academy's facilities in North Bend, Washington, or regionally at
30 local fire agencies.

31 (ii)(A) In lieu of receiving training and testing services from
32 the fire training academy, city fire departments, fire protection
33 districts, regional fire protection service authorities, and other
34 public fire agencies in the state may seek reimbursement for their
35 firefighter I training expenses. The amount of reimbursement will be
36 calculated on a per capita basis. The per capita amount is equal to
37 the three-year statewide firefighter per capita average for the
38 regional direct delivery of training by the fire training academy.
39 The three-year statewide firefighter per capita average is calculated
40 by dividing the number of firefighters trained using the regional

1 direct delivery program during the three-year period into the total
2 cost of providing regional direct delivery during the same three-year
3 period. The regional direct delivery costs used for the basis of
4 these calculations does not include the costs of the fire training
5 academy personnel used to coordinate the direct delivery programs,
6 the state's indirect costs, or any other indirect costs.

7 (B) Prior to the implementation of the reimbursement provisions
8 in (e)(ii)(A) of this subsection, the amount of reimbursement for
9 city fire departments, fire protection districts, regional fire
10 protection service authorities, and other public fire agencies must
11 be not less than three dollars for every one hour of firefighter I
12 training, and may not exceed two hundred hours.

13 (iii) Subject to approval by the director of fire protection, and
14 in accordance with the plan required by this subsection (1)(e), the
15 fire training academy facilities and programs must be made available
16 at no cost to fire service youth programs. The goal of making these
17 facilities and programs available is to increase enrollment of
18 volunteer firefighters, and to improve gender, cultural, and ethnic
19 diversity within the fire service.

20 (iv) For purposes of this subsection (1)(e), the following
21 definitions apply:

22 (A) "Basic firefighter training and testing" means training and
23 testing for firefighters that is up to and includes the requirements
24 of firefighter I, as identified by the national fire protection
25 association standard 1001;

26 (B) "Combination department" means a fire department with
27 emergency service personnel comprising less than eighty-five percent
28 of either volunteer or career membership;

29 (C) "Delivery of training" includes all resources, personnel, and
30 equipment necessary to deliver training at the fire academy in North
31 Bend, Washington, or regionally at local fire agencies; and

32 (D) "Volunteer department" means a fire department with volunteer
33 emergency service personnel comprising eighty-five percent or greater
34 of its department membership.

35 (2)(a) Promote mutual aid and disaster planning for fire services
36 in this state;

37 (b) Assure the dissemination of information concerning the amount
38 of fire damage including that damage caused by arson, and its causes
39 and prevention; and

1 (c) Implement any legislation enacted by the legislature to meet
2 the requirements of any acts of congress that apply to this section.

3 (3) In carrying out its statutory duties, the office of the state
4 fire marshal shall give particular consideration to the appropriate
5 roles to be played by the state and by local jurisdictions with fire
6 protection responsibilities. Any determinations on the division of
7 responsibility shall be made in consultation with local fire
8 officials and their representatives.

9 To the extent possible, the office of the state fire marshal
10 shall encourage development of regional units along compatible
11 geographic, population, economic, and fire risk dimensions. Such
12 regional units may serve to: (a) Reinforce coordination among state
13 and local activities in fire service training, reporting,
14 inspections, and investigations; (b) identify areas of special need,
15 particularly in smaller jurisdictions with inadequate resources; (c)
16 assist the state in its oversight responsibilities; (d) identify
17 funding needs and options at both the state and local levels; and (e)
18 provide models for building local capacity in fire protection
19 programs.

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