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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 1793

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 1793 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. Findings. The General Assembly finds that the
5 positions of fire chief and paramedic chief in the Chicago Fire
6 Department are positions that require the knowledge and skill
7 of experienced members of the Chicago Fire Department.
8 Furthermore, the General Assembly finds that the positions of
9 fire chief and paramedic chief are positions in which persons
10 holding the fire chief and paramedic chief rank take command
11 of, or otherwise give orders to, their subordinates at
12 potentially dangerous or life-threatening incidents and
13 activities.

14 Section 10. The Illinois Municipal Code is amended by
15 adding Section 10-1-7.4 as follows:

1 (65 ILCS 5/10-1-7.4 new)

2 Sec. 10-1-7.4. Temporary fire chief and paramedic chief
3 advisory board.

4 (a) As used in this Section, "fire chief" or "paramedic
5 chief" means an individual temporarily appointed by the Fire
6 Commissioner to have direct supervisory authority over sworn
7 firefighters, paramedics, or emergency medical technicians of
8 the Chicago Fire Department.

9 (b) A advisory board is created in the Chicago Fire
10 Department to recommend to the Fire Commissioner of the Chicago
11 Fire Department the best candidates for each position of fire
12 chief or paramedic chief with a goal of a diverse fire
13 department that reflects the diversity of the City of Chicago.
14 The advisory board shall be comprised of 8 members appointed by
15 the Fire Commissioner, or his or her designee, 4 of whom must
16 be, at the time of appointment and during all times while
17 serving on the advisory board: (i) a member of an organization
18 representing the interest of firefighters and paramedics of the
19 Chicago Fire Department; and (ii) elected at large by members
20 of that organization to the organization's executive board. The
21 Fire Commissioner shall make his or her initial appointments to
22 the advisory board no later than 60 days after the effective
23 date of this amendatory Act of the 101st General Assembly. The
24 advisory board shall meet no later than 90 days after the
25 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 101st General
26 Assembly to elect a chair and vice-chair. Beginning June 1,

1 2020, and every June 1 thereafter, members shall be appointed
2 or reappointed to one-year terms and each newly-appointed
3 advisory board shall meet no later than July 1 of each year to
4 elect a chair and vice-chair.

5 (c) The Fire Commissioner shall provide written notice to
6 the advisory board each time the Fire Commissioner will need to
7 make an appointment of a fire chief or paramedic chief. The
8 Fire Commissioner must provide with the written notice to the
9 advisory board a list of candidates for each position that he
10 or she will need to make an appointment, including which
11 candidates meet the criteria under subsection (d). The advisory
12 board shall meet no later than 30 days after receipt of each
13 written notice from the Fire Commissioner and shall issue a
14 recommendation or recommendations to the Fire Commissioner no
15 later than 15 days after the initial meeting. In order to be
16 recommended for the position of fire chief or paramedic chief,
17 5 members of the advisory board must agree to the
18 recommendation.

19 (d) The Fire Commissioner may appoint a fire chief or
20 paramedic chief after the advisory board has issued its
21 recommendation under subsection (c). An individual appointed
22 fire chief or paramedic chief by the Fire Commissioner must
23 meet the following criteria:

24 (1) is an active member of the Chicago Fire Department
25 who is not receiving any type of pension from the Firemen's
26 Annuity and Benefit Fund of Chicago;

1 (2) has 10 years of creditable service time with the
2 Chicago Fire Department;

3 (3) has held the career service rank of battalion chief
4 or field chief with the Chicago Fire Department prior to
5 his or her appointment to the rank of fire chief or
6 paramedic chief; and

7 (4) does not exceed the maximum age set forth in the
8 ordinances of the City of Chicago that govern active sworn
9 members of the Chicago Fire Department.

10 However, the Fire Commissioner may appoint any individual
11 recommended by the advisory board under subsection (c) even if
12 they do not meet the criteria in this subsection.

13 (e) The advisory board shall adopt all necessary rules and
14 procedures it finds necessary to carry out the process of
15 recommending qualified candidates. The City of Chicago shall
16 provide administrative and other support to the advisory board.

17 (f) The City of Chicago may not regulate the advisory board
18 or regulate appointments of fire chiefs or paramedic chiefs in
19 the Chicago Fire Department in a manner inconsistent with this
20 Section. This Section is a limitation under subsection (i) of
21 Section 6 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution on the
22 concurrent exercise by home rule units of powers and functions
23 exercised by the State.

24 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
25 becoming law."