

1 AN ACT concerning local government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Fire Protection Training Act is
5 amended by changing Sections 2, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13 as
6 follows:

7 (50 ILCS 740/2) (from Ch. 85, par. 532)

8 Sec. 2. Definitions. As used in this Act, unless the
9 context requires otherwise:

10 a. Office means the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

11 b. "Local governmental agency" means any local
12 governmental unit or municipal corporation in this State. It
13 does not include the State of Illinois or any office, officer,
14 department, division, bureau, board, commission, or agency of
15 the State except: (i) a State controlled university, college,
16 or public community college, or (ii) the Office of the State
17 Fire Marshal.

18 c. "School" means any school located within the State of
19 Illinois whether privately or publicly owned which offers a
20 course in fire protection training or related subjects and
21 which has been approved by the Office.

22 d. "Trainee" means a recruit fire fighter required to
23 complete initial minimum basic training requirements at an

1 approved school to be eligible for permanent employment as a
2 fire fighter.

3 e. "Fire protection personnel" and "fire fighter" means any
4 person engaged in fire administration, fire prevention, fire
5 suppression, fire education and arson investigation, including
6 any permanently employed, trainee or volunteer fire fighter,
7 whether or not such person, trainee or volunteer is compensated
8 for all or any fraction of his time.

9 f. "Basic training" and "basic level" shall mean the entry
10 level fire fighter ~~Basic Operations Firefighter~~ program
11 established by ~~as promulgated by the rules and regulations of~~
12 the Office.

13 g. "Advanced training" means the advanced level fire
14 fighter programs established by the Office.

15 (Source: P.A. 96-974, eff. 7-2-10; 97-782, eff. 1-1-13.)

16 (50 ILCS 740/7) (from Ch. 85, par. 537)

17 Sec. 7. Selection and approval ~~certification~~ of schools.
18 The Office shall select and approve ~~certify~~ the fire training
19 program at the University of Illinois and other schools within
20 the State of Illinois for the purpose of providing basic
21 training for trainees, and advanced or in-service ~~inservice~~
22 training for ~~permanent~~ fire protection personnel which schools
23 may be either publicly or privately owned and operated.

24 (Source: P.A. 80-147.)

1 (50 ILCS 740/9) (from Ch. 85, par. 539)

2 Sec. 9. Training participation; funding. All local
3 governmental agencies and individuals may elect to participate
4 in the training programs under this Act, subject to the rules
5 and regulations of the Office. The participation may be for
6 certification only, or for certification and reimbursement for
7 training expenses as further provided in this Act. To be
8 eligible to receive reimbursement for training of individuals,
9 a local governmental agency shall require by ordinance that a
10 trainee complete a basic level course approved by the Office,
11 and pass the State test for certification at the basic level
12 within the probationary period as established by the local
13 governmental agency. A certified copy of the ordinance must be
14 on file with the Office.

15 Individuals who have retired from active fire service
16 duties and are officially affiliated with fire service
17 training, mutual aid, incident command, fire ground
18 operations, or staff support for public fire service
19 organizations shall not be prohibited from receiving training
20 certification from the Office on the ground that they are not
21 employed or otherwise engaged by an organized Illinois fire
22 department if they otherwise meet the minimum certification
23 standards set by the Office.

24 Employees of the Office shall not be prohibited from
25 receiving training certifications from the Office on the
26 grounds that they are not employed or otherwise engaged by an

1 organized Illinois fire department if they otherwise meet the
2 minimum certification standards set by the Office and the
3 certifications are directly related to their job-related
4 duties, as determined by the Office.

5 The Office may by rule provide for reimbursement funding
6 for trainees who are volunteers or paid on call fire protection
7 personnel beyond their probationary period, but not to exceed 3
8 years from the date of initial employment. The Office may
9 reimburse for basic or advanced training of individuals who
10 were permanently employed fire protection personnel prior to
11 the date of the ordinance. Individuals may receive
12 reimbursement if employed by a unit of local government that
13 participates for reimbursement funding and the individual is
14 otherwise eligible.

15 Failure of any trainee to complete the basic training and
16 certification within the required period will render that
17 individual and local governmental agency ineligible for
18 reimbursement funding for basic training for that individual in
19 the calendar ~~fiscal~~ year in which his probationary period ends.
20 The individual may later become certified without
21 reimbursement.

22 Any participating local governmental agency may elect to
23 withdraw from the training program by repealing the original
24 ordinance, and a certified copy of the ordinance must be filed
25 with the Office.

26 (Source: P.A. 96-215, eff. 8-10-09; 97-782, eff. 1-1-13.)

1 (50 ILCS 740/10) (from Ch. 85, par. 540)

2 Sec. 10. Training expenses; reimbursement. The Office, ~~not~~
3 ~~later than May 30th of each year, from funds appropriated for~~
4 ~~this purpose,~~ shall reimburse the local governmental agencies
5 or individuals participating in the training program in an
6 amount equaling one-half of the total sum paid by them during
7 the period established by the Office for tuition at training
8 schools, salary of trainees while in school, necessary travel
9 expenses, and room and board for each trainee from funds
10 appropriated for this purpose. Funds appropriated under this
11 Section shall be used for reimbursement for costs incurred from
12 January 1 through December 31 of the prior calendar year. In
13 addition to reimbursement provided herein by the Office to the
14 local governmental agencies for participation by trainees, the
15 Office in each year shall reimburse the local governmental
16 agencies participating in the training program for ~~permanent~~
17 fire protection personnel in the same manner as trainees for
18 each training program. No more than 50% of the reimbursements
19 distributed to local governmental agencies in any fiscal year
20 shall be distributed to local governmental agencies of more
21 than 500,000 persons. If at the time of the annual
22 reimbursement to local governmental agencies participating in
23 the training program there is an insufficient appropriation to
24 make reimbursement in full, the appropriation shall be
25 apportioned among the participating local governmental

1 agencies. No local governmental agency which shall alter or
2 change in any manner any of the training programs as
3 promulgated under this Act or fail to comply with rules and
4 regulations promulgated under this Act shall be entitled to
5 receive any matching funds under this Act. Submitting false
6 information to the Office is a Class B misdemeanor.

7 (Source: P.A. 97-782, eff. 1-1-13.)

8 (50 ILCS 740/11) (from Ch. 85, par. 541)

9 Sec. 11. Rules and regulations.

10 The Office may make, amend, and rescind those rules and
11 regulations as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of
12 this Act. The Office may make rules and regulations
13 establishing the fees to be paid for the administration of
14 examinations, approval ~~certification~~ of schools, ~~and~~
15 certification of fire fighters, and other training programs
16 provided by the Office.

17 (Source: P.A. 89-180, eff. 7-19-95; 90-20, eff. 6-20-97.)

18 (50 ILCS 740/12) (from Ch. 85, par. 542)

19 Sec. 12. Advanced training programs. The Office, in its
20 discretion, may adopt rules and minimum standards for advanced
21 training programs for ~~permanent~~ fire protection personnel in
22 addition to the basic training programs. The training for
23 ~~permanent~~ fire protection personnel may be given in any schools
24 approved ~~selected~~ by the Office. Such training, if offered, may

1 be discontinued by the school upon either a temporary or
2 permanent basis. Local governmental agencies which have
3 elected to participate in the basic ~~recruit~~ training program
4 may elect to participate in the advanced~~7~~ training for
5 ~~permanent~~ fire protection personnel~~1~~, but non-participation in
6 the advanced program shall not in any way affect the right of
7 governmental agencies to participate in the basic training
8 ~~trainee~~ program. The failure of any permanent fire protection
9 employee to successfully complete any course herein authorized
10 shall not affect his or her status as a member of the fire
11 department of any local governmental agency.

12 (Source: P.A. 80-147.)

13 (50 ILCS 740/13) (from Ch. 85, par. 543)

14 Sec. 13. Additional powers and Duties. In addition to the
15 other powers and duties given to the Office by this Act, the
16 Office:

17 (1) may employ a Manager ~~Director~~ of Personnel Standards
18 and Education and other necessary clerical and technical
19 personnel;

20 (2) may make such reports and recommendations to the
21 Governor and the General Assembly in regard to fire protection
22 personnel, standards, education, and related topics as it deems
23 proper;

24 (3) shall report to the Governor and the General Assembly
25 no later than March 1 of each year the affairs and activities

1 of the Office for the preceding year.

2 The requirement for reporting to the General Assembly shall
3 be satisfied by filing copies of the report with the Speaker,
4 the Minority Leader and the Clerk of the House of
5 Representatives and the President, the Minority Leader and the
6 Secretary of the Senate and the Legislative Research Unit, as
7 required by Section 3.1 of "An Act to revise the law in
8 relation to the General Assembly", approved February 25, 1874,
9 as amended, and filing such additional copies with the State
10 Government Report Distribution Center for the General Assembly
11 as is required under paragraph (t) of Section 7 of the State
12 Library Act.

13 (Source: P.A. 84-1438.)