

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 Section 9 as follows:

6 (50 ILCS 740/9) (from Ch. 85, par. 539)

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

20 Individuals who have retired from active fire service  
21 duties and are officially affiliated with fire service  
22 training, mutual aid, incident command, fire ground  
23 operations, or staff support for public fire service

1 organizations shall not be prohibited from receiving training  
2 certification from the Office on the ground that they are not  
3 employed or otherwise engaged by an organized Illinois fire  
4 department if they otherwise meet the minimum certification  
5 standards set by the Office.

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

16       Failure of any trainee to complete the basic training and  
17 certification within the required period will render that  
18 individual and local governmental agency ineligible for  
19 reimbursement funding for basic training for that individual in  
20 the fiscal year in which his probationary period ends. The  
21 individual may later become certified without 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. 90-20, eff. 6-20-97.)

1           Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
2           becoming law.