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**STATE OF MICHIGAN
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Introduced by Senators Fessler and O'Brien

ENROLLED SENATE BILL No. 847

AN ACT to amend section 9 of Act No. 291 of the Public Acts of 1966, entitled as amended "An act to provide for the creation of a fire fighters training council; to provide for the powers and duties of the council and certain fire departments or other organizations; to provide for the establishment of the fire fighters training council fund and allocations therefrom to local agencies of government participating in a fire fighters training program; and to make an appropriation," as amended by Act No. 196 of the Public Acts of 1987, being section 29.369 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

Section 1. Section 9 of Act No. 291 of the Public Acts of 1966, as amended by Act No. 196 of the Public Acts of 1987, being section 29.369 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 9. (1) The council shall prepare and publish standards with due consideration to varying factors and special requirements of fire departments or other organizations in the following areas:

(a) Advisory standards of physical, educational, mental and moral fitness which shall govern the recruitment, selection, and appointment of fire fighters.

(b) The approval by the council of fire fighter training schools. The standards shall address, at least, the following issues:

(i) The qualification and certification of instructors.

(ii) The courses of study, attendance, record-keeping requirements, equipment, and facilities.

(iii) The visitation and evaluation of instructors and schools by the council.

(c) The establishment of subordinate regional training centers in strategic geographic locations in order to serve the greatest number of fire departments that are unable to support their own training programs.

(2) Each fire department or other organization shall file a statement with the council designating at least 1 training officer or training coordinator for the fire department by November 30, 1988. If a training officer or training coordinator is changed, the fire department or other organization, within 7 days of the change, shall file a statement notifying the council of the change.

(3) The council shall develop and provide to each fire department or other organization, upon request of the fire department or other organization and at no charge, a videotape to be used in training fire fighters. The videotape shall not include training that requires a practical demonstration. The videotape shall be based on the fire fighters I and II standards set forth in the "fire fighter professional qualifications", national fire protection association pamphlet no. 1001, 1987 edition. The council may impose a reasonable fee for loss, damage, or late return of a videotape provided to a fire department or other organization under this subsection.

(4) The council shall develop and administer an examination, which shall include a practical demonstration, a written or oral test, or a combination thereof, to determine a person's competency in regard to the knowledge and skill requirements set forth in fire fighter I and II standards of the "fire fighter professional qualifications", national fire protection association pamphlet no. 1001, 1987 edition. The council, upon the request of a fire department or other organization, shall administer the examination in each county at least once every year. The examination shall be administered in 2 parts. Part 1 shall test the knowledge and skill requirements set forth in fire fighter I, and part 2 shall test the knowledge and skill requirements set forth in fire fighter II. The examination may be retaken, as necessary, upon request from a fire department or other organization.

(5) Within 12 months after a person's hiring date as a full-time fire fighter, the person must pass both part 1 and part 2 of the examination to be eligible for continued or permanent full-time employment as a fire fighter.

(6) Within 24 months after a person's appointment date as a volunteer or paid on-call fire fighter, a person must pass part 1 of the examination to be eligible for continued volunteer or paid on-call service as a fire fighter.

(7) The examination described in this section shall not apply to a person who is employed or under appointment as a fire fighter on October 1, 1988, unless a person subsequently changes his or her status from a volunteer or paid on-call fire fighter to a full-time fire fighter.

(8) The council shall review and monitor the state and federal standards relating to live fire training exercises in structures and make recommendations to the general industry safety standards commission for any new or modified standards which in their opinion are necessary for the protection of fire fighter trainees.

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Secretary of the Senate.

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Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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Governor.