

SENATE BILL No. 847

May 5, 1988, Introduced by Senators FESSLER and O'Brien and referred to the Committee on State Affairs, Tourism, and Transportation.

A bill to amend section 9 of Act No. 291 of the Public Acts of 1966, entitled as amended

"Fire fighters training council act of 1966,"

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:

1 Section 1. Section 9 of Act No. 291 of the Public Acts of
2 1966, as amended by Act No. 196 of the Public Acts of 1987, being
3 section 29.369 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is amended to read
4 as follows:

5 Sec. 9. (1) The council shall prepare and publish standards
6 with due consideration to varying factors and special require-
7 ments of fire departments or other organizations in the following
8 areas:

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

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

7 (i) The qualification and certification of instructors.

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

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

12 (C) ADVISORY STANDARDS ON LIVE FIRE TRAINING EVOLUTIONS IN
13 STRUCTURES CONSISTENT WITH THE STANDARDS ADOPTED AND PUBLISHED BY
14 THE NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION.

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

19 (2) Each fire department or other organization shall file a
20 statement with the council designating at least 1 training offi-
21 cer or training coordinator for the fire department ~~within 60~~
22 ~~days after the effective date of the amendatory act that added~~
23 ~~this subsection~~ BY NOVEMBER 30, 1988. If a training officer or
24 training coordinator is changed, the fire department or other
25 organization, within 7 days of the change, shall file a statement
26 notifying the council of the change.

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

12 (4) The council shall develop and administer an examination,
13 which shall include a practical demonstration, a written or oral
14 test, or a combination thereof, to determine a person's compe-
15 tency in regard to the knowledge and skill requirements set forth
16 in fire fighter I and II standards of the "fire fighter profes-
17 sional qualifications", national fire protection association pam-
18 phlet no. 1001, 1987 edition. The council, upon the request of a
19 fire department or other organization, shall administer the exam-
20 ination in each county at least once every year. The examination
21 shall be administered in 2 parts. Part 1 shall test the knowl-
22 edge and skill requirements set forth in fire fighter I, and part
23 2 shall test the knowledge and skill requirements set forth in
24 fire fighter II. The examination may be retaken, as necessary,
25 upon request from a fire department or other organization.

26 (5) Within 12 months after a person's hiring date as a
27 full-time fire fighter, the person must pass both part 1 and part

1 2 of the examination to be eligible for continued or permanent
2 full-time employment as a fire fighter.

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

7 (7) The examination described in this section shall not
8 apply to a person who is employed or under appointment as a fire
9 fighter on ~~the effective date of the amendatory act that added~~
10 ~~this subsection~~ OCTOBER 1, 1988, unless a person subsequently
11 changes his or her status from a volunteer or paid on-call fire
12 fighter to a full-time fire fighter.