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Referred to Committee on Public Safety and Security

Introduced by:
(PS)

AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR FIREFIGHTER TRAINING.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 7-323p of the 2008 supplement to
2 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2008*):

4 (b) The commission may establish and maintain a state fire school
5 training and education extension account, which shall be a separate
6 account within the General Fund. The account shall contain any
7 moneys required by law to be deposited in the account. The account
8 may be used for the administration and operation of such training and
9 education extension programs and sessions as the Office of State Fire
10 Administration may establish, for the purchase of such equipment as is
11 required for use in the operation of such programs and sessions, and
12 within available resources, for (1) reimbursement to municipalities and
13 municipal fire departments for [one-half of] the costs of Firefighter I,
14 Firefighter II, Recruit Firefighter, Fire Service Instructor I and Fire
15 Officer I certification and recruit training of municipal volunteer and
16 paid fire service personnel, and (2) reimbursement to state agencies for
17 [one-half of] the costs of Firefighter I, Firefighter II, Recruit Firefighter,

18 Fire Service Instructor I and Fire Officer I certification and recruit
19 training of state agency fire service personnel. All proceeds derived
20 from the operation of the training and education extension programs
21 and sessions shall be deposited in the General Fund and shall be
22 credited to and become a part of the resources of the account. All direct
23 expenses incurred in the conduct of the training, certification and
24 education programs and sessions shall be charged, and any payments
25 of interest and principal of bonds or any sums transferable to any fund
26 for the payment of interest and principal of bonds and any cost of
27 equipment for such operations may be charged, against the account on
28 order of the State Comptroller. Any balance of receipts above
29 expenditures shall remain in the account to be used for its training and
30 education programs and sessions, and for the acquisition, as provided
31 by section 4b-21 of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes,
32 alteration and repairs of real property for educational facilities, except
33 such sums as may be required to be transferred from time to time to
34 any fund for the redemption of bonds and payment of interest on
35 bonds, provided repairs, alterations or additions to educational
36 facilities costing fifty thousand dollars or less shall require the
37 approval of the Commissioner of Public Works, and capital projects
38 costing over fifty thousand dollars shall require the approval of the
39 General Assembly or, when the General Assembly is not in session, of
40 the Finance Advisory Committee.

41 Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2008*) (a) The sum of two million five hundred
42 thousand dollars is appropriated to the state fire school training and
43 education extension account established by section 7-323p of the 2008
44 supplement to the general statutes, as amended by this act, from the
45 General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, to be used by
46 the Commission on Fire Prevention and Control for funding entry
47 level courses for volunteer and paid fire departments and state agency
48 fire departments pursuant to said section.

49 (b) The sum of two million five hundred thousand dollars is
50 appropriated to the state fire school training and education extension

51 account established by section 7-323p of the 2008 supplement to the
52 general statutes, as amended by this act, from the General Fund, for
53 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, to be used by the Commission on
54 Fire Prevention and Control for funding entry level courses for
55 volunteer and paid fire departments and state agency fire departments
56 pursuant to said section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	7-323p(b)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To provide for the full funding of entry level fire service personnel training and to appropriate two and one-half million dollars a year for such training.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]