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Referred to Committee on Public Safety and Security

Introduced by:
(PS)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF AN ADDITIONAL
STATE FIRE SCHOOL.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 7-323p of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2009*):

3 (a) The Office of State Fire Administration shall maintain and
4 operate [a] two state fire [school] schools which shall serve as the
5 training and education arm of the Commission on Fire Prevention and
6 Control. The use of any hazardous material, as defined in section 29-
7 307a, except a virgin fuel, is prohibited in the simulation of any fire.
8 The office shall fix fees for training and education programs and
9 sessions and for such other purposes deemed necessary for the
10 operation and support of the [school] schools, subject to the approval
11 of the commission. Such fees shall be used solely for training and
12 education purposes.

13 (b) The commission may establish and maintain a state fire school
14 training and education extension account, which shall be a separate
15 account within the General Fund. The account shall contain any

16 moneys required by law to be deposited in the account. The account
17 may be used for the operation of such training and education
18 extension programs and sessions as the Office of State Fire
19 Administration may establish, for the purchase of such equipment as is
20 required for use in the operation of such programs and sessions, and
21 for (1) reimbursement to municipalities and municipal fire
22 departments for one-half of the costs of Firefighter I certification and
23 recruit training of municipal volunteer and paid fire service personnel,
24 and (2) reimbursement to state agencies for one-half of the costs of
25 Firefighter I certification and recruit training of state agency fire
26 service personnel. All proceeds derived from the operation of the
27 training and education extension programs and sessions shall be
28 deposited in the General Fund and shall be credited to and become a
29 part of the resources of the account. All direct expenses incurred in the
30 conduct of the training, certification and education programs and
31 sessions shall be charged, and any payments of interest and principal
32 of bonds or any sums transferable to any fund for the payment of
33 interest and principal of bonds and any cost of equipment for such
34 operations may be charged, against the account on order of the State
35 Comptroller. Any balance of receipts above expenditures shall remain
36 in the account to be used for its training and education programs and
37 sessions, and for the acquisition, as provided by section 4b-21,
38 alteration and repairs of real property for educational facilities, except
39 such sums as may be required to be transferred from time to time to
40 any fund for the redemption of bonds and payment of interest on
41 bonds, provided repairs, alterations or additions to educational
42 facilities costing fifty thousand dollars or less shall require the
43 approval of the Commissioner of Public Works, and capital projects
44 costing over fifty thousand dollars shall require the approval of the
45 General Assembly or, when the General Assembly is not in session, of
46 the Finance Advisory Committee.

47 (c) The commission may establish and maintain a state fire school
48 auxiliary services account, which shall be a separate account within the

49 General Fund. The account shall be used for the operation,
50 maintenance and repair of auxiliary service facilities and for such other
51 auxiliary activities of the state fire [school] schools as the Office of State
52 Fire Administration determines. The proceeds of such activities shall
53 be deposited in the General Fund and shall be credited to and become
54 a part of the resources of the account. All direct expenses of operation,
55 maintenance and repair of facilities, food services and other auxiliary
56 activities shall be charged, and any payments of interest and principal
57 of bonds or any sums transferable to any fund for the payment of
58 interest and principal of bonds and any cost of equipment for such
59 operations may be charged, against the account on order of the State
60 Comptroller. Any balance of receipts above expenditures shall remain
61 in the account to be used for the improvement and extension of such
62 activities, except such sums as may be required to be transferred from
63 time to time to any fund for the redemption of bonds and payment of
64 interest on bonds, provided repairs, alterations or additions to
65 auxiliary service facilities costing fifty thousand dollars or less shall
66 require the approval of the Commissioner of Public Works, and capital
67 projects costing over fifty thousand dollars shall require the approval
68 of the General Assembly or, when the General Assembly is not in
69 session, of the Finance Advisory Committee. The commission, with the
70 approval of the Finance Advisory Committee, may borrow from the
71 resources of the General Fund at any time such sum or sums as it
72 deems advisable, to establish or continue auxiliary services activities,
73 such sums to be repaid in accordance with such schedule as the
74 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall establish.

75 Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2009*) One of the state fire schools established
76 in accordance with section 7-323p of the general statutes, as amended
77 by this act, shall be located at the fire training facility located at
78 Plumtrees Road in the city of Danbury.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2009</i>	7-323p
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2009</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To designate the Danbury fire training facility at Plumtrees Road as a state regional fire school.

[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.]

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