



General Assembly

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LCO No. 2646

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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 general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3 *1, 2009*):

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, alteration and repairs of real property for educational
32 facilities, except such sums as may be required to be transferred from
33 time to time to any fund for the redemption of bonds and payment of
34 interest on bonds, provided repairs, alterations or additions to
35 educational facilities costing fifty thousand dollars or less shall require
36 the approval of the Commissioner of Public Works, and capital
37 projects costing over fifty thousand dollars shall require the approval
38 of the General Assembly or, when the General Assembly is not in
39 session, of the Finance Advisory Committee.

40 Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2009*) The sum of two million five hundred
41 thousand dollars is appropriated to the state fire school training and
42 education extension account established by section 7-323p of the
43 general statutes, from the General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June
44 30, 2010, to be used by the Commission on Fire Prevention and Control
45 for funding courses for volunteer and paid fire departments and state
46 agency fire departments.

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

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

Statement of Purpose:

To require the state to fund training for volunteer, paid and state agency fire personnel, and to appropriate two million five hundred thousand dollars 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.]