



## CONNECTICUT STATE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

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Senator Andrea Stillman, Co-Chair Public Safety & Security Committee

Representative Stephan Dargan, Co-Chair Public Safety & Security Committee

Subject: **SENATE BILL #151**

The Connecticut State Firefighters Association wishes to go on record in support of the concept provided by **Raised Senate Bill #151, AN ACT LIMITING THE INDEMNIFICATION OF FIRE SERVICE INSTRUCTORS.**

Our Association represents approximately 27,000 career and volunteer firefighters in the State of Connecticut. Among those are many members of the CT Fire Department Instructors Association (CFDIA).

It has come to our attention through the CFDIA that there has been some certified fire service instructors who, for whatever reason, are attempting to provide fire service instruction as private business entities. It is not our intention to prohibit those activities.

The original intent of the Fire Service Instructor indemnification was to protect municipal or state instructors when providing training classes for or within the fire service. It was not to provide indemnification for private business entities. It is felt that once these entities become private, they should provide for their own liability. They should not be able to fall back to the State of Connecticut for protection.

The CFDIA is of the opinion that a portion of the language proposed in the Raised Bill could be misinterpreted. Therefore, they have supplied some substitute language with their testimony. We would like to suggest that this slight change in the language of the bill would make it a better bill.

With this change of language, we would ask you to join us in support of this bill.

We thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Connecticut State Firefighters Association