
OLR BILL ANALYSIS

SB 1016

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY RESPONDER TRAINING.

SUMMARY:

This bill establishes a Department of Emergency Responder Training (DERT), headed by an executive director appointed by the governor, to train police and firefighters (§ 1 *et seq.*).

It requires DERT to maintain and operate a municipal police officer training school and gives it most of the responsibilities currently performed by the Police Officer Standards Training Council. It transfers the council from the Division of State Police to DERT and makes it responsible for making recommendations to DERT on police officer qualification standards and related issues.

The bill eliminates the Office of the State Fire Administrator, which is responsible for maintaining and operating a state fire school and serves as the arm of the Commission on Fire Prevention and Control, and transfers its responsibilities to DERT (§ 30). It transfers some of the commission's duties to DERT and makes it a completely advisory body to DERT. It eliminates the position of state fire administrator (§ 30).

The bill also eliminates the supplemental grant award remittance program, which provides grants to volunteer fire companies providing services on limited access highways on the Berlin Turnpike and Route 8 (§ 30) .

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011