

## As Introduced

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To amend sections 124.1310, 323.151, 323.152,  
323.153, 3737.22, 3901.86, 4113.41, 4765.01,  
4765.55, 5747.08, and 5747.98 and to enact  
sections 3333.27, 4765.551, 4765.61, 5747.87,  
and 5747.88 of the Revised Code to make changes  
regarding volunteer fire departments and  
volunteer firefighters and to make an  
appropriation.

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## BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

**Section 1.** That sections 124.1310, 323.151, 323.152,  
323.153, 3737.22, 3901.86, 4113.41, 4765.01, 4765.55, 5747.08,  
and 5747.98 be amended and sections 3333.27, 4765.551, 4765.61,  
5747.87, and 5747.88 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as  
follows:

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**Sec. 124.1310.** (A) As used in this section:

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(1) "Emergency medical service," "EMT-basic," "EMT-I,"  
"first responder," and "paramedic" have the same meanings as in  
section 4765.01 of the Revised Code.

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(2) "Volunteer firefighter" has the same meaning as in  
section 146.01 of the Revised Code.

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(B) A state employee who is an EMT-basic, EMT-I, first

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firefighters, <u>support persons, fire apparatus driver operators,</u>	1048
and fire safety inspectors. <u>The rules adopted to regulate</u>	1049
<u>training programs for volunteer firefighters, support persons,</u>	1050
<u>and fire apparatus driver operators shall not require more than</u>	1051
<u>thirty-six hours of training</u> <u>do all of the following:</u>	1052
(a) <u>Require a person to be at least seventeen years of age</u>	1053
<u>to participate in the training program;</u>	1054
(b) <u>Include general knowledge, skill, and job performance</u>	1055
<u>requirements that are consistent with the requirements specified</u>	1056
<u>in the national fire protection association standard "NFPA 1010,</u>	1057
<u>Standard on Professional Qualifications for Firefighters";</u>	1058
(c) <u>Comply with section 4765.551 of the Revised Code.</u>	1059
(2) <u>The executive director, with the advice and counsel of</u>	1060
<u>the committee, shall provide for the classification and</u>	1061
<u>chartering of fire service training programs in accordance with</u>	1062
<u>rules adopted under division (B) of this section, and may take</u>	1063
<u>action against any chartered training program or applicant, in</u>	1064
<u>accordance with rules adopted under divisions (B) (4) and (5) of</u>	1065
<u>this section, for failure to meet standards set by the adopted</u>	1066
<u>rules.</u>	1067
(B) <u>The executive director, with the advice and counsel of</u>	1068
<u>the firefighter and fire safety inspector training committee of</u>	1069
<u>the state board of emergency medical, fire, and transportation</u>	1070
<u>services, shall adopt, and may amend or rescind, rules under</u>	1071
<u>Chapter 119. of the Revised Code that establish all of the</u>	1072
<u>following:</u>	1073
(1) Requirements for, and procedures for chartering, the	1074
training programs regulated by this section;	1075
(2) Requirements for, and requirements and procedures for	1076