

As Introduced

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S. B. No. 195

Senator Schaffer

To amend sections 124.1310, 323.151, 323.152, 1
323.153, 3737.22, 3901.86, 4113.41, 4765.01, 2
4765.55, 5747.08, and 5747.98 and to enact 3
sections 3333.27, 4765.551, 4765.61, 5747.87, 4
and 5747.88 of the Revised Code to make changes 5
regarding volunteer fire departments and 6
volunteer firefighters and to make an 7
appropriation. 8

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

Section 1. That sections 124.1310, 323.151, 323.152, 9
323.153, 3737.22, 3901.86, 4113.41, 4765.01, 4765.55, 5747.08, 10
and 5747.98 be amended and sections 3333.27, 4765.551, 4765.61, 11
5747.87, and 5747.88 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as 12
follows: 13

Sec. 124.1310. (A) As used in this section: 14

(1) "Emergency medical service," "EMT-basic," "EMT-I," 15
"first responder," and "paramedic" have the same meanings as in 16
section 4765.01 of the Revised Code. 17

(2) "Volunteer firefighter" has the same meaning as in 18
section 146.01 of the Revised Code. 19

(B) A state employee who is an EMT-basic, EMT-I, first 20

firefighters, support persons, fire apparatus driver operators, 1048
and fire safety inspectors. The rules adopted to regulate 1049
training programs for volunteer firefighters, support persons, 1050
and fire apparatus driver operators shall not require more than 1051
thirty-six hours of trainingdo all of the following: 1052

(a) Require a person to be at least seventeen years of age 1053
to participate in the training program; 1054

(b) Include general knowledge, skill, and job performance 1055
requirements that are consistent with the requirements specified 1056
in the national fire protection association standard "NFPA 1010, 1057
Standard on Professional Qualifications for Firefighters"; 1058

(c) Comply with section 4765.551 of the Revised Code. 1059

(2) The executive director, with the advice and counsel of 1060
the committee, shall provide for the classification and 1061
chartering of fire service training programs in accordance with 1062
rules adopted under division (B) of this section, and may take 1063
action against any chartered training program or applicant, in 1064
accordance with rules adopted under divisions (B) (4) and (5) of 1065
this section, for failure to meet standards set by the adopted 1066
rules. 1067

(B) The executive director, with the advice and counsel of 1068
the firefighter and fire safety inspector training committee of 1069
the state board of emergency medical, fire, and transportation 1070
services, shall adopt, and may amend or rescind, rules under 1071
Chapter 119. of the Revised Code that establish all of the 1072
following: 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