
DIGEST

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Abstract: Transfers the Fire and Emergency Training Institute from Louisiana State University to the office of state fire marshal, renames the institute the Fire and Emergency Training Academy, and changes relevant references of Louisiana State University as the agency for firefighter training to the office of state fire marshal.

Present law creates and designates Louisiana State University officially as the state agency responsible for conducting training for in-service firefighters.

Proposed law transfers the responsibility for conducting training for in-service firefighters from Louisiana State University to the office of state fire marshal.

Proposed law changes references of Louisiana State University throughout present law related to the administration or responsibility of firefighter training or funding for firefighter training and changes such references to the office of state fire marshal to reflect the transfer of firefighter training responsibilities as provided for in proposed law.

Present law provides for the Louisiana State University Fire and Emergency Training Institute, and proposed law renames the training program the office of state fire marshal Fire and Emergency Training Academy.

Present law creates the Louisiana Fire and Emergency Training Commission, entrusts the commission with the responsibility of providing certain advice and guidance to Louisiana State University relative to decisions regarding firefighter training programs, and provides for the composition, responsibilities, and employment recommendation authority of the commission.

Proposed law retains present law but provides that the commission provide such advice and guidance to the office of state fire marshal, removes the authority of the commission to provide employment recommendations, and adds that the commission has the authority to approve an organizational chart providing for the arrangement of the personnel necessary for the office of the state fire marshal to conduct its functions as required by present and proposed law.

Present law requires the commission to meet at least monthly.

Proposed law changes present law and requires the commission to meet at least quarterly.

Proposed law requires the fire marshal to appoint a superintendent over such personnel.

Present law creates a fund called the Louisiana State University Firemen Training Program Film Library Fund for the establishment of a film library to provide training films, public education fire service films, and fire prevention films to fire departments and fire brigades of this state.

Proposed law retains present law, but changes the name of the fund to the Fire and Emergency Training Academy Film Library Fund.

Present law provides for the organization of the office of state fire marshal into certain sections.

Proposed law retains present law and adds the fire and emergency training section.

Present law provides that the Louisiana Fire and Emergency Training Commission be placed within the Department of Education.

Proposed law repeals present law.

(Amends R.S. 22:347(A)(2) and (3), 837(C), and 1462(E), R.S. 37:1732(A) and (C), and R.S. 40:1541(A), (B), (C)(7), and (D), 1543, 1544, 1546, 1547, 1551(C), 1563(C)(2)(b), and 1666.1(A)(2), (4)(a), (6)(a), and (B); Adds R.S. 40:1541(E) and (F) and 1562.1(E); Repeals R.S. 36:651(K)(9))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Commerce to the original bill:

1. Make technical changes.