

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 447

BY REPRESENTATIVE MONTOUCET

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 33:2495.3, relative to municipal fire and police civil service; to provide  
3 relative to persons selected for appointment to a position as an entry-level firefighter  
4 in certain municipalities; to provide relative to the start of the working test period;  
5 to require such persons to complete a fire training academy prior to the start of the  
6 working test period; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 33:2495.3 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §2495.3. Recruit and recruit period; certain municipalities

10 A. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, in  
11 municipalities with a population of not less than two hundred thousand persons and  
12 not more than two hundred forty thousand persons as of the most recent federal  
13 decennial census, no person selected for appointment to an entry-level position in the  
14 classified service from the competitive firefighter employment list who has not  
15 successfully completed formal training as required by Subsection B of this Section  
16 shall begin the working test period. However, such person shall be employed by the  
17 appointing authority and reported as a recruit, and shall immediately begin his formal  
18 training.

19 B. Formal training for a person selected for appointment to an entry-level  
20 position as a firefighter in the classified service shall mean the enrollment in and  
21 successful completion of a fire training academy provided for through the appointing  
22 authority. All persons selected for appointment to an entry-level position as a  
23 firefighter in the classified service shall successfully complete the fire training  
24 academy whether or not such person was certified as a Firefighter I in accordance

1 with National Fire Protection Association Standard 1001 prior to his selection for  
2 appointment.

3 C. The fire training academy provided for in Subsection B of this Section  
4 shall be for a duration as determined by the appointing authority. Upon the  
5 successful completion of the fire training academy, the recruit shall immediately  
6 begin the working test period.

7 D. The appointing authority shall, within fifteen days, advise the board that  
8 the recruit has successfully completed the fire training academy and has begun the  
9 working test period as a probational firefighter.

10 E. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to require that a person selected  
11 for appointment to an entry-level position as a firefighter in the classified service be  
12 terminated if he fails to enroll in or successfully complete the fire training academy  
13 as required by Subsection B of this Section.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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