

Existing law designates Louisiana State University (LSU) as the state agency for training firemen and allows participation by firemen from all duly constituted fire departments. New law additionally allows participation by firemen from private or commercial industrial and allied emergency services.

Existing law creates the La. Fire and Emergency Training Commission and provides for nine members: state fire marshal or designee; LSU-Baton Rouge chancellor or designee; two members selected by La. State Firemen's Assoc.; two members selected by La. Fire Chiefs Assoc.; two members selected by Professional Firefighters' Assoc. of La.; and one member with experience in fire and emergency services appointed by the governor.

New law increases membership from nine to 11 by adding these members appointed by the governor upon the commission's recommendation:

- (1) A member in active service with a La. fire department who has been active at least 10 years.
- (2) A member who has experience and is active in industrial fire and emergency services.

Existing law requires the commission to provide advice and guidance to LSU relative to specific matters. New law additionally requires the commission to provide recommendations to LSU and makes changes to the specific matters as follows:

- (1) Existing law provides for hiring an executive director, including review of candidates for the position, fixing the salary, and defining the duties. New law additionally provides for the commission to make a recommendation relative to the final selection of a candidate and provides that the commission shall be given at least 60 days after the posting of a vacancy in this position to recommend a candidate to fill the vacancy.
- (2) Existing law provides for employment of clerical, technical, legal, and other assistance for the conduct of LSU's functions. New law adds the employment of management and other directors and the defining of duties; also adds that the commission shall be given at least 60 days after the posting of any vacancy in these positions to recommend a candidate to fill the vacancy.
- (3) Existing law provides for all aspects of the conduct of fire and emergency training. New law adds training programs and performance of LSU's functions pursuant to existing and new law.
- (4) Existing law provides for the annual budget for LSU's functions, including management of funds and recovery of the cost of classes. New law adds that LSU shall submit the proposed annual budget for the program to the commission for review prior to final adoption.
- (5) New law adds the acceptance of any and all appropriate donations and grants of money, equipment, supplies, materials, and services and their receipt, use, and disposal; also provides that the commission shall be apprised of all grant opportunities available to the Fire and Emergency Training Institute (FETI) and all grant applications submitted on behalf of FETI individually or in conjunction with other LSU institutions or programs.

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