

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 245

BY REPRESENTATIVE ZERINGUE

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

SUPPLEMENTAL PAY: Provides relative to qualifications for state supplemental pay for  
firemen

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1666.1(A)(2), (4)(a), (6)(a), and (7)(a) and (B), relative to  
3 qualifications for firemen that receive state supplemental pay; to provide for  
4 standards for firemen's training program; to provide for an effective date; and to  
5 provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 40:1666.1(A)(2), (4)(a), (6)(a), and (7)(a) and (B) are hereby  
8 amended and reenacted to read as follows:

9 §1666.1. Extra compensation

10 A.

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12 (2) The term "employee" as used herein expressly excludes any person hired  
13 primarily to perform secretarial and clerical duties, switchboard operators,  
14 secretaries, record clerks, maintenance personnel, and mechanics; it shall expressly  
15 exclude employees hired after March 31, 1986, who have not completed and passed  
16 a certified fireman's training program from a Pro Board accredited agency or an  
17 International Fire Service Accreditation Congress approved entity equal to National  
18 Fire Protection Association Standard 1010 or 1001 Firefighter I Certification ~~or a~~  
19 ~~firefighter's training program as approved by the office of state fire marshal~~ Fire and

1       ~~Emergency Training Academy~~ validated by the Louisiana Fire and Emergency  
2       Training Academy in accordance with R.S. 40:1541 et seq.; and it shall also  
3       expressly exclude part-time employees and volunteers of such municipal, parish,  
4       tribe, or fire protection district fire departments.

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6               (4)(a) Every fire protection officer who is employed on a full-time basis by  
7       a port authority headquartered in the city of New Orleans shall be paid by the state  
8       extra compensation in the amount of six hundred dollars per month in addition to the  
9       compensation now paid to him by his employer out of self-generated revenue  
10      attributable to the agency employing such fire protection officers. To be eligible for  
11      the extra compensation, each such fire protection officer shall have completed one  
12      year of service, and any such fire protection officer hired after March 31, 1986, shall  
13      also have completed and passed a certified fireman's training program from a Pro  
14      Board accredited agency or an International Fire Service Accreditation Congress  
15      approved entity equal to National Fire Protection Association Standard 1010 or 1001  
16      Firefighter I Certification ~~or a firefighter's training program as approved by the office~~  
17      ~~of state fire marshal~~ ~~Fire and Emergency Training Academy~~ validated by the  
18      Louisiana Fire and Emergency Training Academy in accordance with R.S. 40:1541  
19      et seq., or other state or federally approved maritime firefighter training program.

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21               (6)(a) Every fire protection officer who is employed on a full-time basis by  
22      the Plaquemines Port Harbor and Terminal District shall be paid by the state extra  
23      compensation in the amount of six hundred dollars per month in addition to the  
24      compensation now paid to him by his employer out of self-generated revenue  
25      attributable to the agency employing the fire protection officers. To be eligible for  
26      the extra compensation, each fire protection officer shall have completed one year  
27      of service, and any fire protection officer hired after March 31, 1986, shall also have  
28      completed and passed a certified fireman's training program from a Pro Board  
29      accredited agency or an International Fire Service Accreditation Congress approved

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1 and passes a certified fireman's training program from a Pro Board accredited agency  
2 or an International Fire Service Accreditation Congress approved entity ~~for and~~  
3 ~~obtains~~ equal to National Fire Protection Association Standard 1010 or 1001  
4 ~~Firefighter I Certification or completes training and receives certification from a~~  
5 ~~firefighter's training program as approved by the office of state fire marshal Fire and~~  
6 ~~Emergency Training Academy~~ validated by the Louisiana Fire and Emergency  
7 Training Academy in accordance with R.S. 40:1541 et seq.

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Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

# DIGEST

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HB 245 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Removes certification from training programs approved by the office of the state fire marshal in favor of certification from training programs from accredited agencies for purposes of firemen receiving state supplemental pay.

Present law provides for qualifications for firemen in order to receive state supplemental pay. Provides for firemen to complete and pass a certified fireman's training program equal to the National Fire Protection Association Standard for 1001 Firefighter I certification or a firefighter's training program as approved by the office of the state fire marshal. Provides an option for firefighters employed by ports to also obtain training through a state or federally approved maritime firefighter training programs.

Proposed law repeals present law regarding certifications from a training program approved by the office of the state fire marshal Fire and Emergency Training Academy. Proposed law requires firemen to complete and pass a certified fireman's training program from a Pro Board accredited agency or the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress equal to the National Fire Protection Association Standard 1010 or 1001 Firefighter I Certification. Requires the certification to be validated by the Louisiana Fire and Emergency Training Academy. Retains the option for firefighters employed by ports to obtain training through a state or federally approved maritime firefighter training programs.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 40:1666.1(A)(2), (4)(a), (6)(a), and (7)(a) and (B))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Require a fireman to complete a certified fireman's training program from a Pro Board accredited agency or an International Fire Service Accreditation Congress approved entity.
2. Require the training program to be equal to the National Fire Protection Association Standard 1010 or 1001 Firefighter I Certification.
3. Require the certification to be validated by the Louisiana Fire and Emergency Training Academy.