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
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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 <u>1010 or</u> 1001 Firefighter I Certification or a
19	firefighter's training program as approved by the office of state fire marshal Fire and

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- Emergency Training Academy validated by the Louisiana Fire and Emergency
  <u>Training Academy</u> in accordance with R.S. 40:1541 et seq.; and it shall also
  expressly exclude part-time employees and volunteers of such municipal, parish,
  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 entity equal to National Fire Protection Association Standard 1010 or 1001 2 Firefighter I Certification or a firefighter's training program as approved by the office 3 of state fire marshal Fire and Emergency Training Academy validated by the 4 Louisiana Fire and Emergency Training Academy in accordance with R.S. 40:1541 5 et seq., or other state or federally approved maritime firefighter training program. 6 7 (7)(a) Every fire protection officer who is employed on a full-time basis by 8 the Port of South Louisiana shall be paid by the state extra compensation in the 9 amount of six hundred dollars per month in addition to the compensation now paid 10 to him by his employer out of self-generated revenue attributable to the agency 11 employing the fire protection officers. To be eligible for the extra compensation, 12 each fire protection officer shall have completed one year of service, and any fire protection officer hired after March 31, 1986, shall also have completed and passed 13 14 a certified fireman's training program from a Pro Board accredited agency or an 15 International Fire Service Accreditation Congress approved entity equal to National 16 Fire Protection Association Standard 1010 or 1001 Firefighter I Certification or a 17 firemen's training program as approved by the Louisiana State University Firemen 18 Training Program validated by the Louisiana Fire and Emergency Training Academy 19 in accordance with R.S. 40:1541 et seq., or other state or federally approved 20 maritime firefighter training programs. 21 \* 22 B. In computing the period of service required by Subsection A of this

Section, prior service of employees who have returned or who hereafter return to such service shall be included; provided that service in any municipal, parish, tribe, or fire protection district fire department, whether with the same fire department or not, shall be used in computing such prior service. Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection A of this Section to the contrary, any employee who received state supplemental pay prior to March 31, 1986, and returns to such service shall be entitled to receive state supplemental pay whether or not such employee completes

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

# DIGEST

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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.

<u>Present law</u> 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.

<u>Proposed law</u> repeals <u>present law</u> regarding certifications from a training program approved by the office of the state fire marshal Fire and Emergency Training Academy. <u>Proposed law</u> 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 <u>House Committee on Appropriations</u> to the <u>original</u> 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.