



1995 SENATE BILL 508

January 30, 1996 - Introduced by Senators ZIEN, FITZGERALD, RUDE, SCHULTZ, BRESKE and DECKER, cosponsored by Representatives PORTER, VRAKAS, GROTHMAN, MUSSER, HAHN, LEHMAN, GOETSCH, POWERS, OTTE, SILBAUGH, HASENOHRL, LORGE and NASS. Referred to Committee on Human Resources, Labor, Tourism, Veterans and Military Affairs.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 38.04 (9); and **to create** 101.055 (3) (d) of the statutes; **relating**
2 **to:** training programs for fire fighters.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law authorizes the technical college system board to establish and supervise a training program in fire prevention and protection. The program must be available to members of volunteer and paid fire departments maintained by public and private agencies.

This bill provides that a training program required for participation in structural fire fighting that is offered to members of fire departments maintained by public agencies may not require more than 60 hours of training.

Under current law, the department of industry, labor and human relations (DILHR) must adopt, by administrative rule, standards to protect the health and safety of public employes, that is, employes of the state, a state agency or a political subdivision of the state, including members of a volunteer fire department established by a city, village or town. This bill prohibits DILHR from requiring a member of a city, village or town fire department to complete more than 60 hours of training before participating in structural fire fighting.

For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

3 **SECTION 1.** 38.04 (9) of the statutes is amended to read:
4 38.04 (9) (title) TRAINING PROGRAM PROGRAMS FOR FIRE FIGHTERS. In order to
5 promote safety to life and property, the board may establish and supervise a training

SECTION 1

1 ~~program~~ programs in fire prevention and protection. The training ~~program~~
2 programs shall be available to members of volunteer and paid fire departments
3 maintained by public and private agencies, including industrial plants. No training
4 program required for participation in structural fire fighting that is offered to
5 members of volunteer and paid fire departments maintained by public agencies may
6 require more than 60 hours of training. The council on fire service training programs
7 shall advise the board on the establishment and maintenance of the ~~program~~
8 programs.

9 **SECTION 2.** 101.055 (3) (d) of the statutes is created to read:

10 101.055 **(3)** (d) No standards adopted under this subsection may require a
11 member of a volunteer or paid fire department maintained by a political subdivision
12 of this state to complete more than 60 hours of training prior to participating in
13 structural fire fighting.

14 (END)