

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **79th General Assembly**
3 **Regular Session, 1993**

A Bill

HOUSE BILL

4 **By: Representatives Hawkins, Steele, Goodwin, and Holland**

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE SECTIONS 20-22-804 AND 20-
9 22-805 TO CLARIFY THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE ARKANSAS
10 FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES BOARD; TO PROVIDE THAT THE OFFICE
11 OF FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES SHALL BE UNDER THE SUPERVISION
12 AND DIRECTION OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY
13 SERVICES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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Subtitle

16 "TO CLARIFY THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE ARKANSAS FIRE
17 PROTECTION SERVICES BOARD."

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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 20-22-804 is amended to read as follows:

22 "20-22-804. Arkansas Fire Protection Services Board - Duties and powers.

23 The Arkansas Fire Protection Services Board shall:

24 (1) Prescribe by regulation minimum standards for the certification of
25 fire departments and standards for the classification of fire departments as
26 to their level of service including, but not limited to, standards for
27 training levels for fire fighters of fire departments, minimum levels of
28 equipment, and minimum performance standards;

29 (2) Establish a system of identification for fire fighters of certified
30 fire departments for the purpose of assisting fire fighters to carry out their
31 duties;

32 (3) Assist fire departments with training programs and assist with the
33 establishment and upgrading of fire departments;

34 (4) Promote the exchange of information among fire departments and
35 state agencies;

1 (5) Serve in an advisory capacity to the Director of the Office of
2 Emergency Services with respect to the operation of the Office of Fire
3 Protection Services;

4 (6) Establish such other reasonable rules and regulations as may be
5 necessary for the purposes of this subchapter."
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7 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code 20-22-805 is amended to read as follows:

8 "20-22-805. Office of Fire Protection Services.

9 There is created the Office of Fire Protection Services which shall be
10 under the supervision and direction of the Director of the Office of Emergency
11 Services. The Director of the Office of Fire Protection Services who shall be
12 employed by the Director of the Office of Emergency Services shall have the
13 responsibility to carry out the administrative functions and directives of the
14 Fire Protection Services Board. The Director of the Office of Fire Protection
15 Services may employ such personnel as may be authorized by law to carry out
16 the duties of the office."
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18 SECTION 3. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
19 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
20 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.
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22 SECTION 4. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
23 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
24 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
25 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
26 act are declared to be severable.
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28 SECTION 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
29 hereby repealed.
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31 SECTION 6. EMERGENCY. It is hereby found and determined by the General
32 Assembly that the current law with respect to the relationship between the
33 Arkansas Fire Protection Services Board and the Office of Emergency Services
34 and the authority and responsibility of each agency with respect to the Office
35 of Fire Protection Services is unclear and in urgent need of clarification;

1 that this act is designed to specifically prescribe the functions and duties
2 of each of the agencies and should be given effect immediately. Therefore, an
3 emergency is hereby declared to exist and this act being necessary for the
4 preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and
5 effect from and after its passage and approval.

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