

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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A Bill

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5 By: Senator J. Jeffress
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE REIMBURSEMENT OF TRAINING
10 COSTS AS RELATED TO FIREFIGHTERS.
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Subtitle

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13 TO PROVIDE FOR THE REIMBURSEMENT OF
14 TRAINING COSTS AS RELATED TO
15 FIREFIGHTERS.
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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20 SECTION 1. (a)(1) If any county, city, or town pays the cost or
21 expenses for training a firefighter at the Arkansas Firefighter Training
22 Academy or other like program and another county, city, or town, or an agency
23 of the State of Arkansas employs that firefighter within eighteen (18) months
24 after completion of the training in a position requiring a certificate of
25 training from the Arkansas Firefighter Training Academy, the state agency,
26 county, city or town so employing the firefighter, at the time of employing
27 the firefighter, shall reimburse the county, city, or town for all or a
28 portion of the expenses incurred by the county, city, or town for the training
29 of the firefighter at the academy, unless the firefighter has been terminated
30 by the county, city, or town which paid the costs or expenses of training, in
31 which case no reimbursement is required from the state agency, county, city,
32 or town hiring the firefighter.

33 (2) Reimbursement may only be sought from the first state agency,
34 county, city, or town which employs the officer after another county, city, or
35 town paid the costs or expenses of training.

36 (3) Reimbursement shall include any salary, travel expenses,

1 food, lodging, or other costs required to be paid by the county, city, or
2 town, as follows:

3 (A) If the person is employed within two (2) months after
4 completion of the training, the employing agency shall reimburse the total
5 cost of the training;

6 (B) If the person is employed more than two (2) months but
7 not more than six (6) months after completion of the training, the employing
8 agency shall reimburse eighty percent (80%) of the cost of the training;

9 (C) If the person is employed more than six (6) months but
10 not more than ten (10) months after completion of the training, the employing
11 agency shall reimburse sixty percent (60%) of the cost of the training;

12 (D) If the person is employed more than ten (10) months but
13 not more than fourteen (14) months after completion of the training, the
14 employing agency shall reimburse forty percent (40%) of the cost of the
15 training; or

16 (E) If the person is employed more than fourteen (14)
17 months but not more than eighteen (18) months after completion of the
18 training, the employing agency shall reimburse twenty percent (20%) of the
19 cost of the training.

20 (4) If the person is employed more than eighteen (18) months
21 after completion of the training, no reimbursement is required.

22 (b) If any county, city, town, or state agency which employs a
23 firefighter whose training expense was paid by another county, city, or town
24 fails to make reimbursement for the expenses as required in subsection (a) of
25 this section, the county, city, or town entitled to reimbursement shall notify
26 the Treasurer of State. The Treasurer of State shall then withhold the amount
27 of the reimbursement due for training the firefighter from the county or
28 municipal aid of the employing county, city, or town or from funds
29 appropriated to the employing state agency and shall remit the amount to the
30 county, city, or town which is entitled to the reimbursement under the
31 provisions of this section.

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34 APPROVED: 2/1/2001