

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

HOUSE BILL 1670

5 By: Representative Moore
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8 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE CERTIFICATION PROCESS FOR
10 FIRE DEPARTMENTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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12 **Subtitle**

13 TO AMEND THE CERTIFICATION PROCESS FOR
14 FIRE DEPARTMENTS.
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-22-806 is amended to read as follows:
20 20-22-806. Certification and classification of fire departments.

21 (a) Fire departments in this state may apply for annual certification
22 and classification by the Director of the Office of Fire Protection Services.
23 Each fire department applying for certification shall submit such information
24 as may be required by the director to determine whether the fire department
25 meets minimum certification standards and to classify the department as to
26 its level of service.

27 (b)(1) Until the Certification standards for fire departments shall
28 not be changed unless the changes are approved by the Arkansas Fire
29 Protection Services Board ~~adopts certification standards, any fire department~~
30 ~~shall be entitled to certification upon registering with the board.~~

31 (2) ~~Certification~~ Any change to the certification standards
32 under this subsection shall not be effective until ~~six (6) months~~ twelve (12)
33 months after the adoption of the ~~certification standards by the board~~
34 published change.

35 (c) ~~Firefighters shall maintain a minimum of six (6) hours per quarter~~



1 ~~and at least~~ a minimum of twenty-four (24) hours per year of certifiable
2 training meeting the standards of the Arkansas Fire Training Academy

3 (d) Firefighters shall also receive within the first year of service
4 as a firefighter:

5 (1) Up to sixteen (16) hours in the Introduction to Firefighting
6 course;

7 (2) Up to sixteen (16) hours in the Personal Protective
8 Equipment course; and

9 (3) Up to eight (8) hours in the Wildland Fires course.

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