

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.

1 State of Arkansas  
2 87th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2009

# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1666

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5 By: Representatives Wells, M. Martin, Cooper, Abernathy, J. Burris, Carter, L. Cowling, Dale,  
6 Davenport, Everett, George, Hawkins, Hoyt, Overbey, Pyle, Ragland, Reynolds, Rice  
7 By: Senators Laverty, T. Smith, Teague

## For An Act To Be Entitled

11 AN ACT TO AMEND THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE  
12 CERTIFICATION OF VOLUNTEER OR RURAL FIRE  
13 DEPARTMENTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

16 TO AMEND THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE  
17 CERTIFICATION OF VOLUNTEER OR RURAL FIRE  
18 DEPARTMENTS.

21 WHEREAS, the General Assembly encourages all fire departments in this  
22 state to take advantage of the training classes offered by the Arkansas Fire  
23 Training Academy.

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

27 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-22-806(d), concerning training hours, is  
28 amended to read as follows:

29 (d) Firefighters shall also receive within the first ~~year~~ eighteen  
30 (18) months of service as a firefighter:

31 (1) Up to ~~sixteen (16)~~ twelve (12) hours in the Introduction to  
32 Firefighting course;

33 (2) Up to ~~sixteen (16)~~ twelve (12) hours in the Personal  
34 Protective Equipment course; and

35 (3) Up to ~~eight (8)~~ four (4) hours in the Wildland Fire  
36 Suppression course.



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SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 20-22-806, concerning certification of fire departments, is amended to add a new subsection to read as follows:

(e)(1) A firefighter who serves as a volunteer in a volunteer fire department shall maintain the number of training hours per year set by and certified by the volunteer fire department fire chief.

(2) A volunteer fire department that complies with subdivision (e)(1) of this section shall qualify for insurance premium tax moneys under § 14-284-403 et seq., commonly known as "Act 833 moneys".

(3) This subsection does not preempt or affect federal law nor does it apply to a paid firefighter.