

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

SENATE BILL 48

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

8  
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.