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Senate Bill 212 (Substitute S-1 as reported by the Committee of the Whole)
Sponsor: Senator Roger Kahn, M.D.
Committee: Local Government and Elections

CONTENT

The bill would create a new act to permit a fire department to establish a Boy Scout Explorer Post; permit a school district or other entity to affiliate with a fire department to allow people who were at least 16 years old to participate in firefighter training courses and the firefighter exam; and allow a school board to apply for authorization to hire a noncertificated person to teach the courses.

Specifically, an organized fire department administering a firefighter I or II course and a firefighter examination could establish a Boy Scouts of America Explorer Post within its department for individuals who were at least 16 years old.

An affiliated organization that was not an organized fire department could affiliate with an organized fire department for the purpose of allowing those who were at least 16 to participate in the firefighter I or II course and the firefighter examination. ("Affiliated organization" would mean a school district, organized fire department, or other entity.)

The board of a local or intermediate school district could apply to the State Board of Education for a permit or annual authorization to engage a full- or part-time noncertificated, nonendorsed teacher to teach firefighter I or II courses and administer the exam.

The bill would not require the State Fire Marshal or the Office of Firefighter Training to pay or contribute any funds for the administration of the course or the examinations that were in addition to any exams or costs already imposed under the Firefighters Training Council Act. The fire department or the individual taking the course and exam would have to bear any additional costs.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no effect on State revenue or expenditure. The bill would have a minimal impact on local unit revenue and expenditures, and only to the extent that the cost of expanding training classes would increase costs and/or revenue. It is unknown how many fire departments and affiliated organizations would engage in activities allowed under the bill.

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