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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 1793

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 1793 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. Findings. The General Assembly finds that the
5 positions of fire chief and paramedic chief in the Chicago Fire
6 Department are positions that require the knowledge and skill
7 of experienced members of the Chicago Fire Department.
8 Furthermore, the General Assembly finds that the positions of
9 fire chief and paramedic chief are positions in which persons
10 holding the fire chief and paramedic chief rank take command
11 of, or otherwise give orders to, their subordinates at
12 potentially dangerous or life-threatening incidents and
13 activities.

14 Section 10. The Illinois Municipal Code is amended by
15 adding Section 10-1-7.4 as follows:

1 (65 ILCS 5/10-1-7.4 new)

2 Sec. 10-1-7.4. Temporary fire chief and paramedic chief
3 advisory board.

4 (a) As used in this Section, "fire chief" or "paramedic
5 chief" means an individual temporarily appointed by the Fire
6 Commissioner to have direct supervisory authority over sworn
7 firefighters, paramedics, or emergency medical technicians of
8 the Chicago Fire Department.

9 (b) A advisory board is created in the Chicago Fire
10 Department to recommend to the Fire Commissioner of the Chicago
11 Fire Department the best candidates for each position of fire
12 chief or paramedic chief. The advisory board shall be comprised
13 of 8 members appointed by the Fire Commissioner, or his or her
14 designee, 4 of whom must be, at the time of appointment and
15 during all times while serving on the advisory board: (i) a
16 member of an organization representing the interest of
17 firefighters and paramedics of the Chicago Fire Department; and
18 (ii) elected at large by members of that organization to the
19 organization's executive board. The Fire Commissioner shall
20 make his or her initial appointments to the advisory board no
21 later than 60 days after the effective date of this amendatory
22 Act of the 101st General Assembly. The advisory board shall
23 meet no later than 90 days after the effective date of this
24 amendatory Act of the 101st General Assembly to elect a chair
25 and vice-chair. Beginning June 1, 2020, and every June 1
26 thereafter, members shall be appointed or reappointed to

1 one-year terms and each newly-appointed advisory board shall
2 meet no later than July 1 of each year to elect a chair and
3 vice-chair.

4 (c) The Fire Commissioner shall provide written notice to
5 the advisory board each time the Fire Commissioner will need to
6 make an appointment of a fire chief or paramedic chief. The
7 Fire Commissioner must provide with the written notice to the
8 advisory board a list of candidates for each position that he
9 or she will need to make an appointment, including which
10 candidates meet the criteria under subsection (d). The advisory
11 board shall meet no later than 30 days after receipt of each
12 written notice from the Fire Commissioner and shall issue a
13 recommendation or recommendations to the Fire Commissioner no
14 later than 15 days after the initial meeting. In order to be
15 recommended for the position of fire chief or paramedic chief,
16 5 members of the advisory board must agree to the
17 recommendation.

18 (d) The Fire Commissioner may appoint a fire chief or
19 paramedic chief after the advisory board has issued its
20 recommendation under subsection (c). An individual appointed
21 fire chief or paramedic chief by the Fire Commissioner should
22 meet the following criteria:

23 (1) is an active member of the Chicago Fire Department
24 who is not receiving any type of pension from the Firemen's
25 Annuity and Benefit Fund of Chicago;

26 (2) has 10 years of creditable service time with the

1 Chicago Fire Department;

2 (3) has held the career service rank of battalion chief
3 or field chief with the Chicago Fire Department prior to
4 his or her appointment to the rank of fire chief or
5 paramedic chief; and

6 (4) does not exceed the maximum age set forth in the
7 ordinances of the City of Chicago that govern active sworn
8 members of the Chicago Fire Department.

9 However, the Fire Commissioner may appoint any individual
10 recommended by the advisory board under subsection (c) even if
11 they do not meet the criteria in this subsection.

12 (e) The advisory board shall adopt all necessary rules and
13 procedures it finds necessary to carry out the process of
14 recommending qualified candidates. The City of Chicago shall
15 provide administrative and other support to the advisory board.

16 (f) The City of Chicago may not regulate the advisory board
17 or regulate appointments of fire chiefs or paramedic chiefs in
18 the Chicago Fire Department in a manner inconsistent with this
19 Section. This Section is a limitation under subsection (i) of
20 Section 6 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution on the
21 concurrent exercise by home rule units of powers and functions
22 exercised by the State.

23 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
24 becoming law."