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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 1149

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 1149 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 Educational Credit for Firefighting Experience Act.

6 Section 5. Definitions. In this Act:

7 "Firefighter" means either a career or volunteer
8 firefighter.

9 "Institution of higher education" means the University of
10 Illinois, Southern Illinois University, Chicago State
11 University, Eastern Illinois University, Governors State
12 University, Illinois State University, Northeastern Illinois
13 University, Northern Illinois University, Western Illinois
14 University, a public community college that is included in the
15 definition of "Community Colleges" under Section 1-2 of the
16 Public Community College Act, and any institution that

1 receives funds under Section 35 of the Higher Education
2 Student Assistance Act.

3 Section 10. Policies and procedures.

4 (a) Before June 1, 2027, each institution of higher
5 education with an applicable program that offers at least one
6 course for credit hours recommended for equivalency by a
7 national higher education association that provides credit
8 recommendations for firefighting training courses and programs
9 shall adopt a policy regarding its awarding of academic credit
10 for firefighter training considered applicable to the
11 requirements of a student's certificate or degree program. The
12 policy shall apply to any individual who is enrolled in the
13 institution of higher education and who has successfully
14 completed a firefighting training course or program as part of
15 his or her firefighting service that is:

16 (1) recommended for credit by a national higher
17 education association that provides credit recommendations
18 for firefighting training courses and programs; or

19 (2) otherwise documented as firefighting training or
20 experience.

21 (b) Each institution of higher education shall develop a
22 procedure for receiving the necessary documentation to
23 identify and verify the firefighting training course or
24 program that an individual is claiming for academic credit.

25 (c) Each institution of higher education shall provide a

1 copy of its policy for awarding academic credit for
2 firefighter training to any applicant who listed prior or
3 present firefighting service in his or her admission
4 application.

5 (d) Each institution of higher education shall develop and
6 maintain a list of firefighting training courses and programs
7 that have qualified for academic credit.

8 Section 15. Annual policy submission. Each institution of
9 higher education shall submit its policy for awarding academic
10 credit for firefighter training to the Board of Higher
11 Education and the Illinois Community College Board, if
12 applicable, by March 31, 2027 and by March 31 of each year
13 thereafter for the policy that is effective in the subsequent
14 fall semester. The policy shall be incorporated into the
15 institution's credit for prior learning policies required to
16 be submitted pursuant to the Credit for Prior Learning Act."