



101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB5550

by Rep. Ann M. Williams

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

65 ILCS 5/11-6-12 new

Amends the Illinois Municipal Code. Provides that the Chicago Fire Department Joint Labor Management Committee is created with the Fire Commissioner of the City of Chicago as a member along with 7 members appointed to the Committee by the Fire Commissioner. Provides that the Committee may establish minimum guidelines and standards for: (1) all personal protective equipment for the Chicago Fire Department; and (2) the qualifications possessed by members of the Chicago Fire Department who are temporarily appointed by the Fire Commissioner having direct supervisory authority over sworn firefighters, paramedics, or emergency medical technicians of the Chicago Fire Department, including employment diversity goals that reflect the diversity of the City of Chicago. Provides that the guidelines and standards approved by the Committee are binding on the Chicago Fire Department except to the extent the guidelines or standards conflict with a collective bargaining agreement. Limits home rule powers. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning local government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Municipal Code is amended by adding
5 Section 11-6-12 as follows:

6 (65 ILCS 5/11-6-12 new)

7 Sec. 11-6-12. Chicago Fire Department Joint Labor
8 Management Committee.

9 (a) The Chicago Fire Department Joint Labor Management
10 Committee is created in the Chicago Fire Department. The
11 Committee shall consist of the Fire Commissioner of the City of
12 Chicago or his or her designee and the following members
13 appointed by the Fire Commissioner: 4 members who, at the time
14 of appointment, are members of the executive board of an
15 organization representing firefighters in the City of Chicago
16 who were elected at-large to the executive board; and 3 members
17 who, at the time of appointment, are sworn members of the
18 Chicago Fire Department and who are not members of the
19 executive board of an organization representing firefighters
20 in the City of Chicago.

21 Members of the Committee shall be appointed for terms of
22 one year beginning on June 1, 2020 and on June 1 of each year
23 thereafter. Initial appointments shall be made no later than 60

1 days after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the
2 101st General Assembly. On July 1, 2020 and on July 1 of each
3 year thereafter, the Committee shall meet and elect from among
4 its members a chair and vice-chair who shall serve for terms of
5 one year. The Committee shall hold such other meetings as
6 needed to accomplish its purpose under this Section at the call
7 of the chair.

8 If a member is unable or unwilling to serve, the Fire
9 Commissioner shall, as soon as is practicable, appoint a
10 replacement who shall serve until that member is able to serve
11 again or until the next June 1, whichever occurs first.

12 (b) The Committee shall establish minimum guidelines and
13 standards for:

14 (1) all personal protective equipment utilized by
15 members of the Chicago Fire Department; "personal
16 protective equipment" means any clothing or equipment
17 required by the City of Chicago or provided by the City of
18 Chicago that provides or enhances the safety of the members
19 of the Chicago Fire Department; and

20 (2) the qualifications possessed by members of the
21 Chicago Fire Department who are temporarily appointed by
22 the Fire Commissioner having direct supervisory authority
23 over sworn firefighters, paramedics, or emergency medical
24 technicians of the Chicago Fire Department, including
25 employment diversity goals that reflect the diversity of
26 the City of Chicago.

1 The Committee shall approve initial minimum guidelines and
2 standards under this subsection no later than 180 days after
3 the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 101st General
4 Assembly, and shall amend those minimum guidelines and
5 standards as needed. The approval and amendment of minimum
6 guidelines and standards under this subsection shall require an
7 affirmative vote of at least 5 members of the Committee.

8 (c) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection (c),
9 minimum guidelines and standards approved under subsection (b)
10 are binding on the Chicago Fire Department and the City of
11 Chicago. However, if there is a conflict in whole or part
12 between the minimum guidelines and standards established by the
13 Committee and an express provision of a collective bargaining
14 agreement between the City of Chicago and its exclusive
15 bargaining agent representing sworn members of the Chicago Fire
16 Department, the express provisions of the collective
17 bargaining agreement shall control, notwithstanding the
18 minimum guidelines and standards.

19 (d) The Committee may by a majority vote adopt such rules
20 as it deems necessary to implement this Section.

21 (e) The Committee shall hold meetings, as necessary, at the
22 headquarters of the Chicago Fire Department. The City of
23 Chicago shall provide administrative and other support to the
24 Committee.

25 (f) The City of Chicago may not regulate the Committee,
26 including the Committee's establishment of minimum guidelines

1 and standards under subsection (b), in a manner inconsistent
2 with this Section. This Section is a limitation under
3 subsection (i) of Section 6 of Article VII of the Illinois
4 Constitution on the concurrent exercise by home rule units of
5 powers and functions exercised by the State.

6 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
7 becoming law.