AN ACT concerning local government.

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

Section 5. The Illinois Fire Protection Training Act is amended by changing Section 9 as follows:

(50 ILCS 740/9) (from Ch. 85, par. 539)
Sec. 9. Training participation; funding. All local governmental agencies and individuals may elect to participate in the training programs under this Act, subject to the rules and regulations of the Office. The participation may be for certification only, or for certification and reimbursement for training expenses as further provided in this Act. To be eligible to receive reimbursement for training of individuals, a local governmental agency shall require by ordinance that a trainee complete a basic course approved by the Office, and pass the State test for certification at the basic level within the probationary period as established by the local governmental agency. A certified copy of the ordinance must be on file with the Office.

Individuals who have retired from active fire service duties and are officially affiliated with fire service training, mutual aid, incident command, fire ground operations, or staff support for public fire service
organizations shall not be prohibited from receiving training
certification from the Office on the ground that they are not
employed or otherwise engaged by an organized Illinois fire
department if they otherwise meet the minimum certification
standards set by the Office.

The Office may by rule provide for reimbursement funding
for trainees who are volunteers or paid on call fire protection
personnel beyond their probationary period, but not to exceed 3
years from the date of initial employment. The Office may
reimburse for basic or advanced training of individuals who
were permanently employed fire protection personnel prior to
the date of the ordinance. Individuals may receive
reimbursement if employed by a unit of local government that
participates for reimbursement funding and the individual is
otherwise eligible.

Failure of any trainee to complete the basic training and
certification within the required period will render that
individual and local governmental agency ineligible for
reimbursement funding for basic training for that individual in
the fiscal year in which his probationary period ends. The
individual may later become certified without reimbursement.

Any participating local governmental agency may elect to
withdraw from the training program by repealing the original
ordinance, and a certified copy of the ordinance must be filed
with the Office.

(Source: P.A. 90-20, eff. 6-20-97.)
Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon becoming law.