

By the Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability;
and Senator Bracy

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to fire safety; amending s. 633.408,
3 F.S.; requiring the Division of State Fire Marshal to
4 establish specified courses as a part of firefighter
5 and volunteer firefighter training and certification;
6 amending s. 633.508, F.S.; specifying the division's
7 authority to adopt rules for training related to
8 cancer and mental health risks within the fire
9 service; providing an effective date.

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11 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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13 Section 1. Paragraph (d) is added to subsection (1) of
14 section 633.408, Florida Statutes, to read:

15 633.408 Firefighter and volunteer firefighter training and
16 certification.—

17 (1) The division shall establish by rule:

18 (d) Courses to provide training for career and volunteer
19 firefighters related to cancer and mental health risks within
20 the fire service. Such training must be a requirement for
21 obtaining a Firefighter Certificate of Compliance, Volunteer
22 Firefighter Certificate of Completion, or Special Certificate of
23 Compliance. The training must include cancer and mental health
24 awareness, prevention, mitigation, and treatment. The training
25 must specifically include lifestyle, environmental, inherited,
26 and occupational risks, and emphasize appropriate behavior,
27 attitude, and cultural changes within the fire service.
28 Certified firefighters shall have such training made available
29 to them.

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30 Section 2. Subsection (2) of section 633.508, Florida
31 Statutes, is amended to read:

32 633.508 Workplace safety; rulemaking authority; division
33 authority.—

34 (2) The division shall have the authority to adopt rules
35 for the purpose of ensuring safe working conditions for all
36 firefighter employees by authorizing the enforcement of
37 effective standards, by assisting and encouraging firefighter
38 employers to maintain safe working conditions, and by providing
39 for education and training in the field of safety, including
40 training related to cancer and mental health risks within the
41 fire service. Specifically, the division may by rule adopt the
42 most current edition of all or any part of subparts C through T
43 and subpart Z of 29 C.F.R. s. 1910; the National Fire Protection
44 Association, Inc., Publication 1403, Standard on Live Fire
45 Training Evolutions, as limited by subsection (6); and ANSI A
46 10.4.

47 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.