

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS,
JUNE 3, 2022

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in Commonwealth services, further
3 providing for curriculum and training.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Section 7383.1 of Title 35 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 7383.1. Curriculum [~~and~~], training and education
9 certification management system.

10 (a) Duty to establish guidelines.--The commissioner shall
11 establish guidelines for the development, delivery and
12 maintenance of a [~~system of~~] fire and emergency services
13 training and education certification management system.

14 (b) Training.--Training shall be lecture-based, hands on or
15 online. Training may be conducted at the Pennsylvania State Fire
16 Academy, a county training center, a community college[, a local
17 fire station or other appropriate area] or other approved

1 educational training agency. The training records shall be
2 incorporated into the [Train PA system or any other] training
3 and education certification management system approved by the
4 commissioner.

5 (c) Certificate of completion.--The commissioner shall
6 provide a certificate of completion to an individual who
7 successfully completes a fire or emergency services training
8 program. The training and education certification management
9 system shall include a method by which the trainee can download
10 and print the certificate.

11 (d) [Publication.--The commissioner shall post a complete
12 listing of the available fire and emergency services training
13 courses on the office's publicly accessible Internet website.]
14 Accessibility.--The commissioner shall facilitate access to all
15 available fire and emergency services training courses through a
16 publicly accessible Internet website or portal. The website or
17 portal shall record firefighter training and certification. The
18 commissioner shall establish and maintain or participate in an
19 existing electronic database or portal that meets all of the
20 following:

21 (1) Allows for user registration for individual trainees
22 and accredited providers.

23 (2) Allows users to register for courses offered through
24 the portal and in other formats provided under this section.

25 (3) Establishes course completion transcripts and
26 certificates for each registered user.

27 (4) Facilitates communication and access to training
28 materials between accredited providers and registered
29 trainees using the portal.

30 (e) Fee.--The commissioner may establish a fee of no more

1 than \$1 per course, to be used for administration within the
2 Office of the State Fire Commissioner.

3 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.