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FIRE AND RESCUE TRAINING AMENDMENTS

2024 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Wayne A. Harper

House Sponsor: Nelson T. Abbott

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill adds aircraft rescue firefighting training to the fire prevention, education, and training program.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- adds aircraft rescue firefighting training to the fire prevention, education, and training program; and
- makes technical changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

53B-29-202, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 403

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **53B-29-202** is amended to read:

53B-29-202 . Fire prevention, education, and training program.

- (1) With technical advice and support from the fire board, Utah Valley University shall operate a statewide fire and rescue service training program that:
 - (a) provides instruction, training, and testing for:
 - (i) Utah Valley University students; and
 - (ii) firefighters and emergency rescue personnel throughout the state, whether paid or volunteer;

- 29 (b) explores new methods of firefighting, fire training, and fire prevention;
- 30 (c) provides training for fire and arson detection and investigation;
- 31 (d) provides training to students, firefighters, and emergency rescue personnel on how to
- 32 conduct public education programs to promote fire safety;
- 33 ~~(e)~~ provides aircraft rescue firefighting training;
- 34 ~~[(e)]~~ (f) provides for certification of firefighters, pump operators, instructors, officers,
- 35 and rescue personnel; and
- 36 ~~[(f)]~~ (g) provides facilities and props for teaching firefighting and emergency rescue
- 37 skills.
- 38 (2) Utah Valley University shall ensure that the curriculum, training, and facilities offered
- 39 in the fire and rescue training program are sufficient to allow individuals who
- 40 successfully complete the program to receive applicable certification as a firefighter or
- 41 emergency rescue professional.
- 42 (3) Utah Valley University and the fire board shall consult together regarding:
- 43 (a) the development and content of the curriculum and training of the fire and rescue
- 44 training program;
- 45 (b) the identification of individuals who will be permitted to participate in the fire and
- 46 rescue program without cost; and
- 47 (c) the establishment of certification standards and requirements.
- 48 (4) Utah Valley University shall allow individuals designated by the fire board to
- 49 participate in and complete the fire and rescue training program without cost and to
- 50 receive applicable certification.
- 51 (5) Utah Valley University and the fire board shall by contract establish terms to:
- 52 (a) define the scope and content of the fire and rescue training program;
- 53 (b) identify the fire and rescue personnel throughout the state who will be permitted to
- 54 participate in the fire and rescue training program without cost; and
- 55 (c) define other aspects of the relationship between Utah Valley University and the fire
- 56 board relating to the fire and rescue training program that are mutually beneficial.

57 Section 2. **Effective date.**

58 This bill takes effect on May 1, 2024.