

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 1159

## 94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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### AN ACT

To amend chapter 320, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to fire departments.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Chapter 320, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be  
2 known as section 320.097, to read as follows:

320.097. 1. As used in this section, "fire department" means any agency or  
2 organization that provides fire suppression and related activities, including but not limited  
3 to fire prevention, rescue, emergency medical services, hazardous material response,  
4 dispatching, or special operations to a population within a fixed and legally recorded  
5 geographical area.

6 2. No employee of a fire department shall, as a condition of employment, be  
7 required to reside within a fixed and legally recorded geographical area of the fire  
8 department if the only public school district available to the employee within such fire  
9 department's geographical area is a public school district that is or has been unaccredited  
10 or provisionally accredited in the last five years of such employee's employment. No  
11 charter school shall be deemed a public school for purposes of this section.

12 3. No employee of a fire department who has not resided in such fire department's  
13 fixed and legally recorded geographical area, or who has changed such employee's  
14 residency because of conditions described in subsection 2 of this section, shall as a  
15 condition of employment be required to reside within the fixed and legally recorded

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

16 **geographical area of the fire department if such school district subsequently becomes fully**  
17 **accredited.**

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