

HB 1159 -- Fire Department Employee Residency Requirements

Sponsor: Portwood

This bill prohibits fire departments from requiring any employee to reside within a fixed and legally recorded geographical area of the fire department if the only public school district available to the employee within that area is or has been unaccredited or provisionally accredited in the last five years of the employee's employment. Charter schools are not considered public schools for the purpose of this prohibition. Subsequent full accreditation of the public school does not change the prohibition. For the purposes of this prohibition, "fire department" is defined as any agency or organization that provides fire suppression and related activities within a fixed area.