

HB 1751 -- PUBLIC SAFETY PROVISIONS

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This bill affects various statutes relating to public safety.

Section 135.1771, RSMo

Beginning on January 1, 2017, a taxpayer may be allowed to deduct \$500 from the taxpayer's income for any year in which the taxpayer completes the Basic Fire Fighter training program. The taxpayer may also deduct \$500 for every taxable year thereafter if he or she completes at least 18 hours of any state fire marshal developed or approved firefighter training program. For any taxable year in which the taxpayer completes the Fire Fighter I and Fire Fighter II training programs, the taxpayer may deduct \$1,000 from the taxpayer's income. For every year thereafter in which the taxpayer completes at least 36 hours of any state fire marshal developed or approved firefighter training program, the taxpayer may deduct \$1,000 from his or her income.

This provision shall sunset on December 31, six years after its effective date. If it is reauthorized, it will sunset twelve years after its effective date.

Section 190.055

Individual board members shall not be eligible for employment within twelve months of termination of service as a member of the board unless such employment is on a volunteer basis or without compensation.

Section 213.058

It shall be unlawful for an employer of a public safety employee to refuse to hire or to act with respect to recruitment, promotion, renewal of employment, discharge, discipline, privileges, or conditions of employment on the basis of pregnancy, childbirth, or medical or common conditions related to pregnancy or childbirth. Certain reasonable accommodations employers must provide related to pregnancy or childbirth are specified in the bill.

Section 287.243

The provisions of this section relate to survivor benefits for survivors of public safety employees killed in the line of duty.

Section 321.017

Individual board members shall not be eligible for employment within twelve months of termination of service as a member of the board unless such employment is on a volunteer basis or without compensation.

Section 321.900

This section adds definitions related to fire protection jurisdictions.

Section 321.902

Two or more fire protection jurisdictions may create a regional fire protection service authority by developing an authority plan, which shall include certain aspects specified in the bill.

Section 321.904

This section specifies the impositions a regional fire protection service authority may make for generating revenue, including an imposition of taxes.

Section 321.906

The governing bodies of two adjacent fire protection jurisdictions may perform the necessary duties required to put a service authority plan before the voters approve the plan and establish authority is required for approval.

Section 321.908

If voters approve a regional fire protection service authority plan, the authority is formed on the next January or July 1, whichever comes first.

Section 321.910

The governing board of the service authority shall adopt rules and bylaws to govern authority affairs. The board is comprised of elected officials from participating jurisdictions and determined by the authority plan.

Section 321.912

The governing board of a regional fire protection service authority must review the plan every ten years. The ways in which the board may act on behalf of the service authority are specified in the bill.

Section 321.914

All powers, duties, and functions of participating fire protection jurisdictions relating to fire protection and emergency services will be transferred to the authority on the date it is created.

Section 321.916

This bill specifies the circumstances under which a fire protection service authority may withdraw from areas within its boundaries. It also specifies the policies for withdrawal authorization.

Section 321.918

A fire protection district within the authority may be dissolved by a majority vote of registered voters of the district. Dissolution will not cancel outstanding obligations of the district until they are all paid.

Section 321.920

An authority may incur general debt for authority purposes and may issue bonds, notes, or other evidences of indebtedness in an amount limited by the bill, and for a maximum term of 20 years. Interlocal contracts relating to revenues or taxes may not exceed 25 years.

Section 321.922

Tax levies will be part of the general tax roll and shall be collected as part of the general taxes against the property in the authority.

Section 321.924

Territory that is annexed to a participating jurisdiction is annexed as of the effective date of the annexation. Annexation is initiated by the adoption of a resolution by the governing body of a fire protection jurisdiction requesting annexation. An election may be held to authorize annexation only if the governing body of the fire protection jurisdiction adopts a resolution approving both the annexation and the related plan amendment.