

Senate Bill 440

By: Senators Mullis of the 53rd, Murphy of the 27th, Hawkins of the 49th, Chapman of the 3rd, Unterman of the 45th and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, so as to change the name of the Georgia
2 Firefighter Standards and Training Council to the Georgia Firefighter Minimum Standards
3 Council; to modify provisions of the Code consistent with the name change; to provide for
4 related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
5 purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 The Official Code of Georgia Annotated is amended by replacing the term "Georgia
9 Firefighter Standards and Training Council" with "Georgia Firefighter Minimum Standards
10 Council" wherever such term appears in:

- 11 (1) Code Section 25-3-21, relating to definitions relative to local fire departments
12 generally;
- 13 (2) Code Section 25-3-22, relating to notification that a fire department organization
14 meets requirements and issuance of certificates of compliance;
- 15 (3) Code Section 25-3-23, relating to general requirements, equipment, clothing, and
16 insurance for firefighters and fire departments;
- 17 (4) Code Section 25-3-25, relating to suspension or revocation of certificate of
18 compliance, hearing by aggrieved departments, and enforcement of suspensions or
19 revocations;
- 20 (5) Code Section 25-4-2, relating to definitions relative to firefighter standards and
21 training;
- 22 (6) Code Section 25-4-3, relating to Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council
23 establishment and organization, advisory committee, and expenses and allowances;
- 24 (7) Code Section 25-7-4, relating to powers and duties of the Board of Public Safety as
25 to the fire academy generally, selection and compensation of superintendent of the
26 academy, creation of an advisory council, and selection and reimbursement of members;

27 (8) Code Section 45-9-83, relating to the creation of the Georgia State Indemnification
28 Commission, composition, officers, and assignment to the Department of Administrative
29 Services for administrative purposes;

30 (9) Code Section 45-9-101, relating to definitions relative to the temporary disability
31 compensation program; and

32 (10) Code Section 47-7-81, relating to the effect of failure of volunteer fire departments
33 to hold required drills and the effect of a volunteer firefighter's failure to meet attendance
34 requirements.

35 **SECTION 2.**

36 The Code is further amended by replacing the term "Georgia Firefighter Standards and
37 Training Act" with "Georgia Firefighter Minimum Standards Act" wherever such term shall
38 appear in:

39 (1) Code Section 25-3-27, relating to the construction of the article relating to minimum
40 requirements for local fire departments generally; and

41 (2) Code Section 25-4-1, relating to a short title for the provisions relating to firefighter
42 standards and training.

43 **SECTION 3.**

44 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2010.

45 **SECTION 4.**

46 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.