

The House Committee on Rules offers the following substitute to SB 207:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 4 of Title 25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 firefighter standards and training, so as to provide for the reporting of guilty pleas taken
3 under first offender treatment to obtain employment as a firefighter; to provide for related
4 matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Chapter 4 of Title 25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to firefighter
8 standards and training, is amended by adding a new subsection to Code Section 25-4-8,
9 relating to qualifications of firefighters generally, to read as follows:

10 "(d) A person who pleaded guilty to a felony offense under Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title
11 42 and successfully completed the terms of his or her sentence pursuant to Article 3 of
12 Chapter 8 of Title 42 may, at the council's discretion, be certified and employed as a
13 firefighter if such person otherwise meets the qualifications set forth in this Code section.
14 Such person shall provide information on the circumstances underlying the plea of guilty,
15 as requested by the council, to enable the council to make an informed decision on such
16 individual's qualification status."

