

FINAL BILL REPORT

SB 5176

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Providing wildland fire fighting training.

Sponsors: Senators Roach and Doumit.

Senate Committee on Government Operations & Elections

House Committee on State Government

House Committee on Appropriations

Background: The State Fire Protection Policy Board consists of eight members, appointed by the Governor, charged with establishing a comprehensive state policy regarding fire protection services. As one aspect of that policy, the board is required to develop and adopt a plan with the goal of providing training to all fire fighters in the state. The plan is to include a reimbursement for fire protection districts and city fire departments of not less than \$2 for every hour of fire fighter training. Reimbursement is limited to 150 hours of training for each fire fighter trained. Reimbursement is paid from the fire service training account, which consists of fees received by the State Patrol for training; grants and bequests accepted by the State Patrol; and 20 percent of all moneys received by the state on fire insurance premiums.

Summary: The State Fire Protection Policy Board must include wildland fire fighting training as part of the board's plan to provide training to all fire fighters in the state. The reimbursement element of the training plan is increased to \$3 per hour of training, and the limit on reimbursement is increased to 200 hours per fire fighter trained. Wildland fire training reimbursement is provided to fire protection districts and city fire departments that do not have an interior attack policy and to districts and departments that have and are fulfilling their interior attack policy.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	46	0	
House	98	0	(House amended)
Senate	46	0	(Senate concurred)

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