

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5468

As of January 30, 2023

Title: An act relating to ensuring that firefighters who accept promotional firefighter positions within a fire department remain members of the law enforcement officers' and firefighters' retirement system.

Brief Description: Ensuring that firefighters who accept promotional firefighter positions within a fire department remain members of the law enforcement officers' and firefighters' retirement system.

Sponsors: Senators Van De Wege, Holy, Conway, Lovick, Nguyen, Randall and Valdez.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Ways & Means: 1/31/23.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Expands the definition of firefighter, for inclusion in the Law Enforcement Officers' and Fire Fighters' Retirement System to include any person who is serving in a position that requires an experienced firefighter.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

Staff: Amanda Cecil (786-7460)

Background: The Law Enforcement Officers' and Fire Fighters' Retirement System (LEOFF) provides retirement benefits to full-time, fully-compensated law enforcement officers and fire fighters employed by the state, cities, counties, and special districts.

In addition to being full-time and fully compensated in order to be covered by LEOFF as a firefighter, the person must also be actively employed as a firefighter, employed in a supervisory firefighter position, or be employed by a fire department as an emergency

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medical technician.

Summary of Bill: The definition of firefighter, for inclusion in LEOFF, is expanded to include any person who is serving in a position that requires an experienced firefighter.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Creates Committee/Commission/Task Force that includes Legislative members: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.