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STATE OF MAINE
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "**B**" to H.P. 173, L.D. 223, Bill, "AN ACT Relating to the Advisory Board to the Firemen's Training Program of the Department of Educational and Cultural Services."

Amend the bill by striking out all of the title and inserting in its place the following: "AN ACT to Establish an Advisory Committee to the Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services Relating to the Firemen's Training Program."

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 20 MRSA §2551, as repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 216, §1, is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

The commissioner shall have no authority to require participation in these programs by any members of a municipal fire department, incorporated volunteer fire department or industrial and institutional fire brigades.

Sec. 2. 20 MRSA §2552, as repealed ^{and replaced} by PL 1977, c. 216, §2, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:
§2552. Advisory committee

1. Establishment. An advisory committee to the commissioner shall be established to consult and advise him in carrying out the administration of section 2551. The committee shall consist of 13 members who shall be appointed by the commissioner as follows:

A. One full-time chief, one call chief and one volunteer chief;

B. Two full-time firefighters, 2 call firefighters and 2 volunteer firefighters;

C. One city or town manager and one selectman;

D. One member of an industrial or institutional fire brigade; and

E. One representative from the field of insurance.

2. Term of office. Of the members first appointed, the commissioner shall designate 5 members to serve for one year, 4 members to serve for 2 years and 4 members to serve for 3 years. Thereafter, all members shall be appointed for 3 years.

3. Chairman. The committee shall select a chairman from among its members.

4. Expenses. The committee members shall be reimbursed for their expenses, but shall receive no other compensation for service on the committee.

5. Nonvoting representative. The department's consultant for the Fire Service Training Program shall be a nonvoting representative of the department at committee meetings.

Sec. 3. Terms of office, prior appointments. The terms of office of those persons appointed as members of the advisory committee pursuant to the Revised Statutes, Title 20, section 2552, prior to the enactment of this Act, shall expire on the effective date of this Act.

Statement of Fact

The purposes of this amendment are to:

1. Change the membership of the committee;

2. Provide for the election of a chairman from among the members; and

3. Clarify that training programs are voluntary.

Reported by the Minority of the Committee on Education
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