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L.D. 1845
(Filing No. H-695)

EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
128TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1282, L.D. 1845, Bill, "An Act To Provide Incentives To Attract Trained Firefighters to Maine and To Retain Trained Firefighters by Expanding the Provision of Live Fire Service Training"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §3371, sub-§8, ¶¶F and G, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 731, Pt. AAAA, §1, are amended to read:

F. Assist all governmental agencies with firefighter training and education responsibilities to enhance their delivery of services to fire prevention, protection and life safety professionals, including paid, call and volunteer fire service members; and

G. Submit proposed legislation to the Legislature to implement any recommendations of the commission; and

Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §3371, sub-§8, ¶H is enacted to read:

H. Make awards from the Live Fire Service Training Facilities Fund pursuant to Title 20-A, section 9004 and direct the Maine Fire Service Institute within the Maine Community College System to make payments to municipalities from the fund.

Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §9004 is enacted to read:

§9004. Live Fire Service Training Facilities Fund

1. Fund established. The Live Fire Service Training Facilities Fund, referred to in this section as "the fund," is established under the Maine Fire Service Institute within the Maine Community College System as a nonlapsing fund to provide funds to municipalities for the construction and repair or replacement of regional live fire service training facilities in the State.

2. Grant program. The Maine Fire Protection Services Commission, referred to in this section as "the commission" and established pursuant to Title 5, section 12004-J, subsection 12, shall establish criteria to award grants to municipalities from the fund.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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1 including a requirement that proposals be fully designed and approved by a licensed
2 professional engineer as defined in Title 32, section 1251, subsection 4. The commission
3 may adopt rules to implement this subsection. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection
4 are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

5 3. Procedure. Municipalities may apply to the commission for grants. The
6 commission shall evaluate each application pursuant to the criteria developed in
7 subsection 2 and, to the extent funds are available, shall award grants from the fund to
8 support the construction and repair or replacement of regional live fire service training
9 facilities.

10 4. Payment of grants. Upon the award of a grant by the commission, the
11 commission shall direct the Maine Fire Service Institute to make the payment of the grant
12 award to the municipality from the fund.

13 **Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
14 allocations are made.

15 **COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM, BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MAINE**

16 **Live Fire Service Training Facilities Fund N278**

17 Initiative: Provides ongoing funding for the Maine Fire Service Institute to provide funds
18 for the construction and repair or replacement of regional live fire service training
19 facilities in the State awarded by the Maine Fire Protection Services Commission.

20	GENERAL FUND	2017-18	2018-19
21	All Other	\$0	\$1,000,000
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23	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$1,000,000</u>
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25 **SUMMARY**

26 This amendment, which is the unanimous report of the committee, establishes the
27 Live Fire Service Training Facilities Fund to provide funds for the construction and repair
28 or replacement of regional live fire service training facilities in the State. The Maine Fire
29 Protection Services Commission is required to develop criteria, award grants to
30 municipalities and direct the Maine Fire Service Institute, housed within the Maine
31 Community College System, to make payments to the municipalities. The amendment
32 also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

33 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

34 (See attached)



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1845

LR 2716(02)

An Act To Provide Incentives To Attract Trained Firefighters to Maine and To Retain Trained Firefighters by Expanding the Provision of Live Fire Service Training

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment *A' (H-695)*

Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes ongoing General Fund appropriations of \$1,000,000 annually beginning in fiscal year 2018-19 to a newly established Live Fire Service Training Facilities Fund program within the Maine Community College System to provide grants for the construction and repair or replacement of regional live fire service training facilities in the State. The funds appropriated do not lapse back to the General Fund at the end of each fiscal year but must be carried forward to be used for the purposes established.

Additional costs to the Maine Fire Protection Services Commission associated with establishing grant award criteria, evaluating grant applications and awarding grants to municipalities can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.