

CHAPTER 2018-18

Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 394

An act relating to fire safety; amending s. 633.408, F.S.; requiring the Division of State Fire Marshal to establish specified courses as a part of firefighter and volunteer firefighter training and certification; amending s. 633.508, F.S.; specifying the division's authority to adopt rules for training related to cancer and mental health risks within the fire service; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Paragraph (d) is added to subsection (1) of section 633.408, Florida Statutes, to read:

633.408 Firefighter and volunteer firefighter training and certification.

(1) The division shall establish by rule:

(d) Courses to provide training for career and volunteer firefighters related to cancer and mental health risks within the fire service. Such training must be a requirement for obtaining a Firefighter Certificate of Compliance, Volunteer Firefighter Certificate of Completion, or Special Certificate of Compliance. The training must include cancer and mental health awareness, prevention, mitigation, and treatment. The training must specifically include lifestyle, environmental, inherited, and occupational risks, and emphasize appropriate behavior, attitude, and cultural changes within the fire service. Certified firefighters shall have such training made available to them.

Section 2. Subsection (2) of section 633.508, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

633.508 Workplace safety; rulemaking authority; division authority.—

(2) The division shall have the authority to adopt rules for the purpose of ensuring safe working conditions for all firefighter employees by authorizing the enforcement of effective standards, by assisting and encouraging firefighter employers to maintain safe working conditions, and by providing for education and training in the field of safety, including training related to cancer and mental health risks within the fire service. Specifically, the division may by rule adopt the most current edition of all or any part of subparts C through T and subpart Z of 29 C.F.R. s. 1910; the National Fire Protection Association, Inc., Publication 1403, Standard on Live Fire Training Evolutions, as limited by subsection (6); and ANSI A 10.4.

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.

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