

In the Senate of the United States,

October 18 (legislative day, September 22), 2000.

Resolved, That the bill from the House of Representatives (H.R. 1550) entitled “An Act to authorize appropriations for the United States Fire Administration for fiscal years 2000 and 2001, and for other purposes.”, do pass with the following

AMENDMENT:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

1 ***SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.***

2 *This Act may be cited as the “Fire Administration Au-*
3 *thorization Act of 2000”.*

1 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2 *Section 17(g)(1) of the Federal Fire Prevention and*
3 *Control Act of 1974 (15 U.S.C. 2216(g)(1)) is amended—*

4 *(1) by striking “and” at the end of subpara-*
5 *graph (G);*

6 *(2) by striking the period at the end of subpara-*
7 *graph (H) and inserting a semicolon; and*

8 *(3) by adding at the end the following:*

9 *“(I) \$44,753,000 for fiscal year 2001, of*
10 *which \$3,000,000 is for research activities, and*
11 *\$250,000 may be used for contracts or grants to*
12 *non-Federal entities for data analysis, including*
13 *general fire profiles and special fire analyses and*
14 *report projects, and of which \$6,000,000 is for*
15 *anti-terrorism training, including associated*
16 *curriculum development, for fire and emergency*
17 *services personnel;*

18 *“(J) \$47,800,000 for fiscal year 2002, of*
19 *which \$3,250,000 is for research activities, and*
20 *\$250,000 may be used for contracts or grants to*
21 *non-Federal entities for data analysis, including*
22 *general fire profiles and special fire analyses and*
23 *report projects, and of which \$7,000,000 is for*
24 *anti-terrorism training, including associated*
25 *curriculum development, for fire and emergency*
26 *services personnel; and*

1 “(K) \$50,000,000 for fiscal year 2003, of
2 which \$3,500,000 is for research activities, and
3 \$250,000 may be used for contracts or grants to
4 non-Federal entities for data analysis, including
5 general fire profiles and special fire analyses and
6 report projects, and of which \$8,000,000 is for
7 anti-terrorism training, including associated
8 curriculum development, for fire and emergency
9 services personnel.”.

10 None of the funds authorized for fiscal year 2002 may be
11 obligated unless the Administrator has verified to the Com-
12 mittee on Science of the House of Representatives and the
13 Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of
14 the Senate that the obligation of funds is consistent with
15 the strategic plan transmitted under section 302 of this
16 Act.”.

17 **SEC. 3. STRATEGIC PLAN.**

18 (a) *REQUIREMENT.*—Not later than April 30, 2001,
19 the Administrator of the United States Fire Administration
20 shall prepare and transmit to the Committee on Science
21 of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Com-
22 merce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a 5-year
23 strategic plan of program activities for the United States
24 Fire Administration.

1 (b) *CONTENTS OF PLAN.*—*The plan required by sub-*
2 *section (a) shall include—*

3 (1) *a comprehensive mission statement covering*
4 *the major functions and operations of the United*
5 *States Fire Administration in the areas of training;*
6 *research, development, test and evaluation; new tech-*
7 *nology and non-developmental item implementation;*
8 *safety; counterterrorism; data collection and analysis;*
9 *and public education;*

10 (2) *general goals and objectives, including those*
11 *related to outcomes, for the major functions and oper-*
12 *ations of the United States Fire Administration;*

13 (3) *a description of how the goals and objectives*
14 *identified under paragraph (2) are to be achieved, in-*
15 *cluding operational processes, skills and technology,*
16 *and the human, capital, information, and other re-*
17 *sources required to meet those goals and objectives;*

18 (4) *an analysis of the strengths and weaknesses*
19 *of, opportunities for, and threats to the United States*
20 *Fire Administration;*

21 (5) *an identification of the fire-related activities*
22 *of the National Institute of Standards and Tech-*
23 *nology, the Department of Defense, and other Federal*
24 *agencies, and a discussion of how those activities can*
25 *be coordinated with and contribute to the achievement*

1 *of the goals and objectives identified under paragraph*
2 *(2);*

3 *(6) a description of objective, quantifiable per-*
4 *formance goals needed to define the level of perform-*
5 *ance achieved by program activities in training, re-*
6 *search, data collection and analysis, and public edu-*
7 *cation, and how these performance goals relate to the*
8 *general goals and objectives in the strategic plan;*

9 *(7) an identification of key factors external to*
10 *the United States Fire Administration and beyond its*
11 *control that could affect significantly the achievement*
12 *of the general goals and objectives;*

13 *(8) a description of program evaluations used in*
14 *establishing or revising general goals and objectives,*
15 *with a schedule for future program evaluations;*

16 *(9) a plan for the timely distribution of informa-*
17 *tion and educational materials to State and local*
18 *firefighting services, including volunteer, career, and*
19 *combination services throughout the United States;*

20 *(10) a description of how the strategic plan pre-*
21 *pared under this section will be incorporated into the*
22 *strategic plan and the performance plans and reports*
23 *of the Federal Emergency Management Agency;*

24 *(11)(A) a description of the current and planned*
25 *use of the Internet for the delivery of training courses*

1 *by the National Fire Academy, including a listing of*
2 *the types of courses and a description of each course's*
3 *provisions for real time interaction between instructor*
4 *and students, the number of students enrolled, and the*
5 *geographic distribution of students, for the most re-*
6 *cent fiscal year;*

7 *(B) an assessment of the availability and actual*
8 *use by the National Fire Academy of Federal facili-*
9 *ties suitable for distance education applications, in-*
10 *cluding facilities with teleconferencing capabilities;*
11 *and*

12 *(C) an assessment of the benefits and problems*
13 *associated with delivery of instructional courses using*
14 *the Internet, including limitations due to network*
15 *bandwidth at training sites, the availability of suit-*
16 *able course materials, and the effectiveness of such*
17 *courses in terms of student performance;*

18 *(12) timeline for implementing the plan; and*

19 *(13) the expected costs for implementing the*
20 *plan.*

21 **SEC. 4. RESEARCH AGENDA.**

22 *(a) REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 120 days after the*
23 *date of the enactment of this Act, the Administrator of the*
24 *United States Fire Administration, in consultation with*
25 *the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency,*

1 *the Director of the National Institute of Standards and*
2 *Technology, representatives of trade, professional, and non-*
3 *profit associations, State and local firefighting services, and*
4 *other appropriate entities, shall prepare and transmit to*
5 *the Committee on Science of the House of Representatives*
6 *and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transpor-*
7 *tation of the Senate a report describing the United States*
8 *Fire Administration's research agenda and including a*
9 *plan for implementing that agenda.*

10 (b) *CONTENTS OF REPORT.*—*The report required by*
11 *subsection (a) shall—*

12 (1) *identify research priorities;*

13 (2) *describe how the proposed research agenda*
14 *will be coordinated and integrated with the programs*
15 *and capabilities of the National Institute of Stand-*
16 *ards and Technology, the Department of Defense, and*
17 *other Federal agencies;*

18 (3) *identify potential roles of academic, trade,*
19 *professional, and non-profit associations, and other*
20 *research institutions in achieving the research agenda;*

21 (4) *provide cost estimates, anticipated personnel*
22 *needs, and a schedule for completing the various ele-*
23 *ments of the research agenda;*

1 (5) *describe ways to leverage resources through*
2 *partnerships, cooperative agreements, and other*
3 *means; and*

4 (6) *discuss how the proposed research agenda*
5 *will enhance training, improve State and local fire-*
6 *fighting services, impact standards and codes, in-*
7 *crease firefighter and public safety, and advance fire-*
8 *fighting techniques.*

9 (c) *USE IN PREPARING STRATEGIC PLAN.—The re-*
10 *search agenda prepared under this section shall be used in*
11 *the preparation of the strategic plan required by section*
12 *302.*

13 **SEC. 5. SURPLUS AND EXCESS FEDERAL EQUIPMENT.**

14 *The Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974*
15 *is amended by adding at the end the following new section:*

16 **“SEC. 33. SURPLUS AND EXCESS FEDERAL EQUIPMENT.**

17 *“The Administrator shall make publicly available, in-*
18 *cluding through the Internet, information on procedures for*
19 *acquiring surplus and excess equipment or property that*
20 *may be useful to State and local fire, emergency, and haz-*
21 *ardous material handling service providers.”.*

1 **SEC. 6. COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS WITH FEDERAL FACILI-**
2 **TIES.**

3 *The Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974,*
4 *as amended by section 304, is amended by adding at the*
5 *end the following new section:*

6 **“SEC. 34. COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS WITH FEDERAL FA-**
7 **CILITIES.**

8 *“The Administrator shall make publicly available, in-*
9 *cluding through the Internet, information on procedures for*
10 *establishing cooperative agreements between State and local*
11 *fire and emergency services and Federal facilities in their*
12 *region relating to the provision of fire and emergency serv-*
13 *ices.”.*

14 **SEC. 7. NEED FOR ADDITIONAL TRAINING IN**
15 **COUNTERTERRORISM.**

16 *(a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of the United*
17 *States Fire Administration shall conduct an assessment of*
18 *the need for additional capabilities for Federal*
19 *counterterrorism training of emergency response personnel.*

20 *(b) CONTENTS OF ASSESSMENT.—The assessment con-*
21 *ducted under this section shall include—*

22 *(1) a review of the counterterrorism training*
23 *programs offered by the United States Fire Adminis-*
24 *tration and other Federal agencies;*

25 *(2) an estimate of the number and types of emer-*
26 *gency response personnel that have, during the period*

1 *between January 1, 1994, and October 1, 1999,*
2 *sought training described in paragraph (1), but have*
3 *been unable to receive that training as a result of the*
4 *oversubscription of the training capabilities; and*

5 *(3) a recommendation on the need to provide ad-*
6 *ditional Federal counterterrorism training centers,*
7 *including—*

8 *(A) an analysis of existing Federal facilities*
9 *that could be used as counterterrorism training*
10 *facilities; and*

11 *(B) a cost-benefit analysis of the establish-*
12 *ment of such counterterrorism training facilities.*

13 *(c) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date*
14 *of the enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall pre-*
15 *pare and submit to the Congress a report on the results of*
16 *the assessment conducted under this section.*

17 **SEC. 8. WORCESTER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE FIRE SAFETY**
18 **RESEARCH PROGRAM.**

19 *From the funds authorized to be appropriated by sec-*
20 *tion 2, \$1,000,000 may be expended for the Worcester Poly-*
21 *technic Institute fire safety research program.*

22 **SEC. 9. INTERNET AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION.**

23 *Upon the conclusion of the research under a research*
24 *grant or award of \$50,000 made with funds authorized by*
25 *this Act (or any Act amended by this Act), the Adminis-*

1 *trator of the United States Fire Administration shall make*
 2 *available through the Internet home page of the Administra-*
 3 *tion a brief summary of the results and importance of such*
 4 *research grant or award. Nothing in this section shall be*
 5 *construed to require or permit the release of any informa-*
 6 *tion prohibited by law or regulation from being released*
 7 *to the public.*

8 **SEC. 10. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS AND REPEALS.**

9 (a) 1974 ACT.—

10 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Federal Fire Prevention*
 11 *and Control Act of 1974 (15 U.S.C. 2201 et seq.) is*
 12 *amended—*

13 (A) *by striking subsection (b) of section 10*
 14 *(15 U.S.C. 2209) and redesignating subsection*
 15 *(c) of that section as subsection (b);*

16 (B) *by striking sections 26 and 27 (15*
 17 *U.S.C. 2222; 2223);*

18 (C) *by striking “(a) The” in section 24 (15*
 19 *U.S.C. 2214) and inserting “The”; and*

20 (D) *by striking subsection (b) of section 24.*

21 (2) *REFERENCES TO SECRETARY.*—*The Federal*
 22 *Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 (15 U.S.C.*
 23 *2201 et seq.) is amended—*

24 (A) *in section 3 (15 U.S.C. 2203)—*

1 (i) by inserting “and” after the semi-
2 colon in paragraph (7);

3 (ii) by striking paragraph (8); and

4 (iii) by redesignating paragraph (9) as
5 paragraph (8);

6 (B) by striking paragraph (2) of section
7 15(a) (15 U.S.C. 2214(a)) and inserting the fol-
8 lowing:

9 “(2) the Director’s Award For Distinguished
10 Public Safety Service (Director’s Award),”;

11 (C) by striking “Secretary’s Award” each
12 place it appears in section 15 (15 U.S.C. 2214)
13 after subsection (a) and inserting “Director’s
14 Award”; and

15 (D) by striking “Secretary” each place it
16 appears in section 15 (15 U.S.C. 2214) after
17 subsection (a), in section 16(a) (15 U.S.C.
18 2215(a)), and in section 21(c) (15 U.S.C.
19 2218(c)) and inserting “Director”.

20 (b) DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.— Section 12 of the
21 Act of February 14, 1903 (15 U.S.C. 1511) is amended—

22 (1) by inserting “and” after “Census;” in para-
23 graph (5);

24 (2) by striking paragraph (6); and

1 (3) *by redesignating paragraph (7) as para-*
2 *graph (6).*

3 **SEC. 11. NATIONAL FIRE ACADEMY CURRICULUM REVIEW.**

4 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Administrator of the United*
5 *States Fire Administration, in consultation with the Board*
6 *of Visitors and representatives of trade and professional as-*
7 *sociations, State and local firefighting services, and other*
8 *appropriate entities, shall conduct a review of the courses*
9 *of instruction available at the National Fire Academy to*
10 *ensure that they are up-to-date and complement, not dupli-*
11 *cate, courses of instruction offered elsewhere. Not later than*
12 *180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Admin-*
13 *istrator shall prepare and submit a report to the Committee*
14 *on Science of the House of Representatives and the Com-*
15 *mittee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the*
16 *Senate.*

17 (b) *CONTENTS OF REPORT.*—*The report required by*
18 *subsection (a) shall—*

19 (1) *examine and assess the courses of instruction*
20 *offered by the National Fire Academy;*

21 (2) *identify redundant and out-of-date courses of*
22 *instruction;*

23 (3) *examine the current and future impact of in-*
24 *formation technology on National Fire Academy cur-*

1 *ricula, methods of instruction, and delivery of serv-*
 2 *ices; and*

3 *(4) make recommendations for updating the cur-*
 4 *riculum, methods of instruction, and delivery of serv-*
 5 *ices by the National Fire Academy considering cur-*
 6 *rent and future needs, State-based curricula, advances*
 7 *in information technologies, and other relevant fac-*
 8 *tors.*

9 **SEC. 12. REPEAL OF EXCEPTION TO FIRE SAFETY REQUIRE-**
 10 **MENT.**

11 *(a) REPEAL.—Section 4 of Public Law 103-195 (107*
 12 *Stat. 2298) is hereby repealed.*

13 *(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Subsection (a) shall take effect*
 14 *1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act.*

15 **SEC. 13. NATIONAL FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS FOUNDATION**
 16 **TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.**

17 *(a) PURPOSES.—Section 151302 of title 36, United*
 18 *States Code, is amended—*

19 *(1) by striking paragraph (1) and inserting the*
 20 *following:*

21 *“(1) primarily—*

22 *“(A) to encourage, accept, and administer*
 23 *private gifts of property for the benefit of the Na-*
 24 *tional Fallen Firefighters’ Memorial and the an-*

1 *nual memorial service associated with the memo-*
2 *rial; and*

3 *“(B) to, in coordination with the Federal*
4 *Government and fire services (as that term is de-*
5 *finied in section 4 of the Federal Fire Prevention*
6 *and Control Act of 1974 (15 U.S.C. 2203)), plan,*
7 *direct, and manage the memorial service referred*
8 *to in subparagraph (A);”;*

9 *(2) by inserting “and Federal” in paragraph (2)*
10 *after “non-Federal”;*

11 *(3) in paragraph (3)—*

12 *(A) by striking “State and local” and in-*
13 *serting “Federal, State, and local”; and*

14 *(B) by striking “and” after the semicolon;*

15 *(4) by striking “firefighters.” in paragraph (4)*
16 *and inserting “firefighters;”; and*

17 *(5) by adding at the end the following:*

18 *“(5) to provide for a national program to assist*
19 *families of fallen firefighters and fire departments in*
20 *dealing with line-of-duty deaths of those firefighters;*
21 *and*

22 *“(6) to promote national, State, and local initia-*
23 *tives to increase public awareness of fire and life safe-*
24 *ty.”.*

1 (b) *BOARD OF DIRECTORS.*—Section 151303 of title
2 36, United States Code, is amended—

3 (1) by striking subsections (f) and (g) and in-
4 serting the following:

5 “(f) *STATUS AND COMPENSATION.*—

6 “(1) Appointment to the board shall not con-
7 stitute employment by or the holding of an office of
8 the United States.

9 “(2) Members of the board shall serve without
10 compensation.”; and

11 (2) by redesignating subsection (h) as subsection
12 (g).

13 (c) *OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES.*—Section 151304 of
14 title 36, United States Code, is amended—

15 (1) by striking “not more than 2” in subsection
16 (a); and

17 (2) by striking “are not” in subsection (b)(1)
18 and inserting “shall not be considered”.

19 (d) *SUPPORT BY THE ADMINISTRATOR.*—Section
20 151307(a)(1) of title 36, United States Code, is amended—

21 (1) by striking “The Administrator” and insert-
22 ing “During the 10-year period beginning on the date
23 of enactment of the Fire Administration Authoriza-
24 tion Act of 2000, the Administrator”; and

- 1 (2) *by striking “shall” in subparagraph (B) and*
- 2 *inserting “may”.*

Attest:

Secretary.

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