

FIRE AND RESCUE TRAINING AMENDMENTS

2024 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Wayne A. Harper

House Sponsor: Nelson T. Abbott

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill adds aircraft rescue firefighting training to the fire prevention, education, and training program.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ adds aircraft rescue firefighting training to the fire prevention, education, and training program; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

53B-29-202, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 403

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **53B-29-202** is amended to read:

53B-29-202. Fire prevention, education, and training program.

(1) With technical advice and support from the fire board, Utah Valley University shall



28 operate a statewide fire and rescue service training program that:

29 (a) provides instruction, training, and testing for:

30 (i) Utah Valley University students; and

31 (ii) firefighters and emergency rescue personnel throughout the state, whether paid or
32 volunteer;

33 (b) explores new methods of firefighting, fire training, and fire prevention;

34 (c) provides training for fire and arson detection and investigation;

35 (d) provides training to students, firefighters, and emergency rescue personnel on how
36 to conduct public education programs to promote fire safety;

37 (e) provides aircraft rescue firefighting training;

38 [~~e~~] (f) provides for certification of firefighters, pump operators, instructors, officers,
39 and rescue personnel; and

40 [~~f~~] (g) provides facilities and props for teaching firefighting and emergency rescue
41 skills.

42 (2) Utah Valley University shall ensure that the curriculum, training, and facilities
43 offered in the fire and rescue training program are sufficient to allow individuals who
44 successfully complete the program to receive applicable certification as a firefighter or
45 emergency rescue professional.

46 (3) Utah Valley University and the fire board shall consult together regarding:

47 (a) the development and content of the curriculum and training of the fire and rescue
48 training program;

49 (b) the identification of individuals who will be permitted to participate in the fire and
50 rescue program without cost; and

51 (c) the establishment of certification standards and requirements.

52 (4) Utah Valley University shall allow individuals designated by the fire board to
53 participate in and complete the fire and rescue training program without cost and to receive
54 applicable certification.

55 (5) Utah Valley University and the fire board shall by contract establish terms to:

56 (a) define the scope and content of the fire and rescue training program;

57 (b) identify the fire and rescue personnel throughout the state who will be permitted to
58 participate in the fire and rescue training program without cost; and

59 (c) define other aspects of the relationship between Utah Valley University and the fire
60 board relating to the fire and rescue training program that are mutually beneficial.

61 Section 2. **Effective date.**

62 This bill takes effect on May 1, 2024.