

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2983 Session of
1996

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, OCTOBER 10, 1996

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of May 1, 1933 (P.L.103, No.69), entitled, as
2 reenacted and amended, "An act concerning townships of the
3 second class; and amending, revising, consolidating and
4 changing the law relating thereto," providing for
5 appropriations for training fire company personnel.

6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
7 hereby enacts as follows:

8 Section 1. Section 1803 of the act of May 1, 1933 (P.L.103,
9 No.69), known as The Second Class Township Code, reenacted and
10 amended November 9, 1995 (P.L.350, No.60), is amended to read:

11 Section 1803. Fire Companies [and], Facilities and
12 Training.--(a) The board of supervisors may appropriate moneys
13 for the use of the township or to fire companies located in the
14 township for the operation and maintenance of fire companies,
15 for the purchase and maintenance of fire apparatus [and], for
16 the construction, repair and maintenance of fire company houses,

1 training of fire company personnel, or, as set forth in this
2 section, for fire training schools or centers in order to secure
3 fire protection for the inhabitants of the township. The fire
4 companies shall submit to the board of supervisors an annual
5 report of the use of the appropriated moneys for each completed
6 year of the township before any further payments may be made to
7 the fire companies for the current year.

8 (b) The board of supervisors may by ordinance make rules and
9 regulations for the government of fire companies which are
10 located within the township and their officers.

11 (c) The board of supervisors may contract with or make
12 grants to near or adjacent municipal corporations or volunteer
13 fire companies therein for fire protection in the township.

14 (d) No volunteer fire company not in existence in the
15 township before the effective date of this act may organize or
16 operate unless the establishment or organization is approved by
17 resolution of the board of supervisors.

18 (e) The board of supervisors may annually appropriate funds
19 to fire companies located within the township for the training
20 of its personnel, or to a countywide council of governments,
21 consortium or other entity established pursuant to the act of
22 July 12, 1972 (P.L.762, No.180), referred to as the
23 Intergovernmental Cooperation Law, lawfully organized or
24 incorporated county or regional firemen's associations to
25 establish, equip, maintain and operate fire training schools or
26 centers for the purpose of giving instruction and practical
27 training in the prevention, control and fighting of fire and
28 related fire department emergencies to the members of fire
29 departments and volunteer fire companies in any city, borough,
30 town or township within the county or region, including

1 township. Whenever a firemen's association is comprised of
2 members from two or more municipalities or contemplates
3 operation of a county or regional school to serve two or more
4 municipalities or two or more counties, the board of supervisors
5 of each township may appropriate funds to the association. Joint
6 activity shall be implemented under the Intergovernmental
7 Cooperation Law.

8 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.