

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. Senate Bill 1265

PRINTER NO. 1703

AMOUNT

See Fiscal Impact

FUND

General Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

June 3, 2022

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Stefano

DESCRIPTION

Senate Bill 1265 amends Title 35 to require the Office of the State Fire Commissioner to implement a fire and emergency services training and education certification management system.

This bill requires the Office of State Fire Commissioner to develop a fire and emergency services training and education certification management system. The system must also incorporate records of firefighter training and certification and allow a trainee to download and print a certificate of completion. The system shall provide access to all available training courses through an internet website.

A fee of not more than \$1 per course registration may be established to be used for administration within the office.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of the State Fire Commissioner's (OSFC) training data for FY 2020-21 indicated 78,000 course registrations were made for training courses offered. The provisions of Senate Bill 1265 allow for a fee of up to \$1 per course. Assuming that a similar number of course registrations occur in future years, the fee would provide \$78,000 of additional revenue per year. The OSFC has also indicated that the current IT system used by the office can be used to implement the provisions of the bill, and the anticipated fee revenue would cover any additional upgrade costs that are necessary.