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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
128TH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 1282, L.D. 1845, Bill, “An Act To Provide Incentives To Attract Trained Firefighters to Maine and To Retain Trained Firefighters by Expanding the Provision of Live Fire Service Training”

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

**Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §3371, sub-§8, ¶¶F and G**, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 731, Pt. AAAA, §1, are amended to read:

F. Assist all governmental agencies with firefighter training and education responsibilities to enhance their delivery of services to fire prevention, protection and life safety professionals, including paid, call and volunteer fire service members; ~~and~~

G. Submit proposed legislation to the Legislature to implement any recommendations of the commission; ~~and~~

**Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §3371, sub-§8, ¶H** is enacted to read:

H. Make awards from the Live Fire Service Training Facilities Fund pursuant to Title 20-A, section 9004 and direct the Maine Fire Service Institute within the Maine Community College System to make payments to municipalities from the fund.

**Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §9004** is enacted to read:

**§9004. Live Fire Service Training Facilities Fund**

**1. Fund established.** The Live Fire Service Training Facilities Fund, referred to in this section as "the fund," is established under the Maine Fire Service Institute within the Maine Community College System as a nonlapsing fund to provide funds to municipalities for the construction and repair or replacement of regional live fire service training facilities in the State.

**2. Grant program.** The Maine Fire Protection Services Commission, referred to in this section as "the commission" and established pursuant to Title 5, section 12004-J, subsection 12, shall establish criteria to award grants to municipalities from the fund.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

1 including a requirement that proposals be fully designed and approved by a licensed  
2 professional engineer as defined in Title 32, section 1251, subsection 4. The commission  
3 may adopt rules to implement this subsection. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection  
4 are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

5 **3. Procedure.** Municipalities may apply to the commission for grants. The  
6 commission shall evaluate each application pursuant to the criteria developed in  
7 subsection 2 and, to the extent funds are available, shall award grants from the fund to  
8 support the construction and repair or replacement of regional live fire service training  
9 facilities.

10 **4. Payment of grants.** Upon the award of a grant by the commission, the  
11 commission shall direct the Maine Fire Service Institute to make the payment of the grant  
12 award to the municipality from the fund.

13 **Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and  
14 allocations are made.

15 **COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM, BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MAINE**

16 **Live Fire Service Training Facilities Fund N278**

17 Initiative: Provides ongoing funding for the Maine Fire Service Institute to provide funds  
18 for the construction and repair or replacement of regional live fire service training  
19 facilities in the State awarded by the Maine Fire Protection Services Commission.

20	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>
21	All Other	\$0	\$1,000,000
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23	<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$1,000,000</u>
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25 **SUMMARY**

26 This amendment, which is the unanimous report of the committee, establishes the  
27 Live Fire Service Training Facilities Fund to provide funds for the construction and repair  
28 or replacement of regional live fire service training facilities in the State. The Maine Fire  
29 Protection Services Commission is required to develop criteria, award grants to  
30 municipalities and direct the Maine Fire Service Institute, housed within the Maine  
31 Community College System, to make payments to the municipalities. The amendment  
32 also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

33 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

34 **(See attached)**