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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. RITCHIE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Veterans, Homeland Security and Military Affairs -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee -- reported favorably from said committee, ordered to first and second report, ordered to a third reading, amended and ordered reprinted, retaining its place in the order of third reading -- again amended and ordered reprinted, retaining its place in the order of third reading

AN ACT directing the commissioner of the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services to develop a plan to increase the number of skills required as part of the Firefighter certification, or the Firefighter Recruit I and II certifications, which can be completed at a trainee's home department or online

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. 1. The commissioner of the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, in consultation with New York state fire service organizations, and any other entity the commissioner of Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services deems appropriate, shall study the feasibility of teaching skills currently required to be taught in an academic setting, or training center through an electronic or internet course or at the trainee's fire department. Such study shall also include, but not be limited to, the coursework required to test for the Firefighter certification, or the Firefighter Recruit I and II certifications, as defined in part 426 of title 19 of the New York Codes, Rules and Regulations (NYCRR), the cost or savings that could be attributed to training through electronic or internet course or at the trainee's fire department, costs or savings of required training equipment, ways to decrease the number of certified instructors and certified fire training programs needed. In reviewing the coursework, the study shall examine the practices of other governmental entities to compare training standards and include recommendations, if any, to enhance Firefighter certification in the state of New York.

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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2. Such study shall be delivered to the governor, the speaker of the assembly, the temporary president of the senate, the chair of the senate veterans, homeland security and military affairs committee and to the chair of the assembly governmental operations committee within 9 months of the effective date of this act.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall have become law.