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Introduced by Sens. HELMING, ASHBY, TEDISCO -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Finance

AN ACT to direct the office of fire prevention and control to conduct a study which evaluates the minimum recommended qualifications to becoming a volunteer firefighter

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

- 1 Section 1. The office of fire prevention and control shall conduct a
2 study that examines and evaluates the recommended minimum qualifications
3 for volunteer firefighters.
- 4 (a) The type of settings included in the study shall be subject to
5 funds available but include, at minimum, the coursework required to test
6 for the Firefighter certification, or the Firefighter Recruit I and II
7 certifications, as defined in part 426 of title 19 of the New York
8 Codes, Rules and Regulations, the recommended number of hours of train-
9 ing, availability of training courses and resources, availability of
10 trainers, and minimum qualifications for trainers.
- 11 (b) The study shall take into account factors including, but not
12 limited to: geographical region, prominent industries in that region,
13 demographics of populations and demand for volunteer firefighters.
- 14 § 2. Within twelve months of the effective date of this act, the
15 office of fire prevention and control shall submit a report detailing
16 the findings of the study to the governor, the temporary president of
17 the senate, and the speaker of the assembly.
- 18 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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