
SENATE BILL 6026

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By Senator Dansel

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1 AN ACT Relating to volunteer emergency workers volunteering with
2 a nonprofit ambulance service provider; and reenacting and amending
3 RCW 41.24.010.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 41.24.010 and 2010 c 60 s 2 are each reenacted and
6 amended to read as follows:

7 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter
8 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

9 (1) "Administrative fund" means the volunteer firefighters' and
10 reserve officers' administrative fund created under RCW 41.24.030.

11 (2) "Appropriate legislation" means an ordinance when an
12 ordinance is the means of legislating by any municipality, and
13 resolution in all other cases.

14 (3) "Board of trustees" or "local board" means: (a) For matters
15 affecting firefighters, a firefighter board of trustees created under
16 RCW 41.24.060; (b) for matters affecting an emergency worker, an
17 emergency medical service district board of trustees created under
18 RCW 41.24.330; or (c) for matters affecting reserve officers, a
19 reserve officer board of trustees created under RCW 41.24.460.

20 (4) "Emergency worker" means any emergency medical service
21 personnel, regulated by chapters 18.71 and 18.73 RCW, who is a member

1 of an emergency medical service district or a volunteer of a
2 nonprofit emergency service provider but shall not include emergency
3 medical service personnel who are eligible for participation in the
4 Washington public employees' retirement system, with respect to
5 periods of service rendered in such capacity.

6 (5) "Fire department" means any regularly organized fire
7 department or emergency medical service district consisting wholly of
8 volunteer firefighters, or any part-paid and part-volunteer fire
9 department duly organized and maintained by any municipality:
10 PROVIDED, That any such municipality wherein a part-paid fire
11 department is maintained may by appropriate legislation permit the
12 full-paid members of its department to come under the provisions of
13 chapter 41.16 RCW.

14 (6) "Firefighter" includes any firefighter or emergency worker
15 who is a member of any fire department of any municipality but shall
16 not include firefighters who are eligible for participation in the
17 Washington law enforcement officers' and firefighters' retirement
18 system or the Washington public employees' retirement system, with
19 respect to periods of service rendered in such capacity.

20 (7) "Municipal corporation" or "municipality" includes any
21 county, city, town or combination thereof, fire protection district,
22 local law enforcement agency, or any emergency medical service
23 district or other special district, authorized by law to protect life
24 or property within its boundaries through a fire department,
25 emergency workers, ~~((or))~~ reserve officers, or any nonprofit
26 volunteer emergency service provider.

27 (8) "Participant" means: (a) For purposes of relief, any reserve
28 officer who is or may become eligible for relief under this chapter
29 or any firefighter or emergency worker; and (b) for purposes of
30 retirement pension, any firefighter, emergency worker, or reserve
31 officer who is or may become eligible to receive a benefit of any
32 type under the retirement provisions of this chapter, or whose
33 beneficiary may be eligible to receive any such benefit.

34 (9) "Performance of duty" or "performance of service" shall be
35 construed to mean and include any work in and about company quarters,
36 any fire station, any law enforcement office or precinct, or any
37 other place under the direction or general orders of the chief or
38 other officer having authority to order such member to perform such
39 work; performing other officially assigned duties that are secondary
40 to his or her duties as a firefighter, emergency worker, or reserve

1 officer such as maintenance, public education, inspections,
2 investigations, court testimony, and fund-raising for the benefit of
3 the department; being on call or on standby under the orders of the
4 chief or designated officer of the department, except at the
5 individual's home or place of business; responding to, working at, or
6 returning from an alarm of fire, emergency call, or law enforcement
7 duties; drill or training; or any work performed of an emergency
8 nature in accordance with the rules and regulations of the fire
9 department or local law enforcement agency.

10 (10) "Principal fund" means the volunteer firefighters' and
11 reserve officers' relief and pension principal fund created under RCW
12 41.24.030.

13 (11) "Relief" means all medical, death, and disability benefits
14 available under this chapter that are made necessary from death,
15 sickness, injury, or disability arising in the performance of duty,
16 including benefits provided under RCW 41.24.110, 41.24.150,
17 41.24.160, 41.24.175, 41.24.220, and 41.24.230, but does not include
18 retirement pensions provided under this chapter.

19 (12) "Reserve officer" means the same as defined by the
20 Washington state criminal justice training commission under chapter
21 43.101 RCW, but shall not include enforcement officers who are
22 eligible for participation in the Washington law enforcement
23 officers' and firefighters' retirement system or the Washington
24 public employees' retirement system, with respect to periods of
25 service rendered in such capacity.

26 (13) "Retired participant" means any participant who is at least
27 sixty-five years of age and has been retired by the board of trustees
28 under RCW 41.24.170 and has been in receipt of a monthly pension for
29 no less than three months.

30 (14) "Retirement pension" means retirement payments for the
31 performance of service, as provided under RCW 41.24.170, 41.24.172,
32 41.24.175, 41.24.180, and 41.24.185.

33 (15) "State board" means the state board for volunteer
34 firefighters and reserve officers.

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