

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1203

Introduced by Assembly Member Jones-Sawyer

February 27, 2015

An act to amend Section 8588.11 of the Government Code, relating to emergency services.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1203, as introduced, Jones-Sawyer. Office of Emergency Services: Fire Fighter Apprenticeship Program: training: crude oil spills.

Existing law creates the Office of Emergency Services in the office of the Governor, with specified powers and duties relative to coordinating emergency services. Existing law requires the office to contract with the California Fire Fighter Joint Apprenticeship Program to develop a fire service specific course of instruction on the responsibilities of first responders to terrorism incidents. That law also requires the course of instruction to be developed in consultation with individuals knowledgeable about the impact of a terrorist incident, as provided.

This bill would additionally authorize the office to contract with the program to develop a course of instruction on the responsibilities of first responders to incidents involving crude oil spills by rail, and would additionally require the course of instruction to be developed in consultation with individuals knowledgeable about crude oil spills by rail.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 8588.11 of the Government Code is
2 amended to read:

3 8588.11. (a) The office shall contract with the California Fire
4 Fighter Joint Apprenticeship Program to develop a fire service
5 specific course of instruction on the responsibilities of first
6 responders to *incidents involving crude oil spills by rail and*
7 *terrorism incidents.* The course shall include the criteria for the
8 curriculum content recommended by the Curriculum Development
9 Advisory Committee established pursuant to Section 8588.10 to
10 address the training needs of both of the following:

11 (1) Firefighters in conformance with the standards established
12 by the State Fire Marshal.

13 (2) Paramedics and other emergency medical services fire
14 personnel in conformance with the standards established by the
15 Emergency Medical Services Authority.

16 (b) The course of instruction shall be developed in consultation
17 with individuals knowledgeable about consequence management
18 that addresses the topics of containing and mitigating the impact
19 of *incidents involving crude oil spills by rail or a terrorist incident,*
20 including, but not limited to, a terrorist act using hazardous
21 materials, as well as weapons of mass destruction, including any
22 chemical warfare agent, weaponized biological agent, or nuclear
23 or radiological agent, as those terms are defined in Section 11417
24 of the Penal Code, by techniques including, but not limited to,
25 rescue, firefighting, casualty treatment, and hazardous materials
26 response and recovery.

27 (c) The contract shall provide for the delivery of training by the
28 California Fire Fighter Joint Apprenticeship Program through
29 reimbursement contracts with the state, local, and regional fire
30 agencies who may, in turn, contract with educational institutions.

31 (d) To maximize the availability and delivery of training, the
32 California Fire Fighter Joint Apprenticeship Program shall develop
33 a course of instruction to train the trainers in the presentation of
34 the first responder training of consequence management for fire
35 service personnel.

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