Rule Summary and Fiscal Analysis Part A - General Questions

Rule Number: 4765-20-11

Rule Type: New

Rule Title/Tagline: Firefighter continuing education.

Agency Name: State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services

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I. Rule Summary

- 1. Is this a five year rule review? No
 - A. What is the rule's five year review date?
- 2. Is this rule the result of recent legislation? No
- 3. What statute is this rule being promulgated under? 119.03
- 4. What statute(s) grant rule writing authority? 4765.55
- 5. What statute(s) does the rule implement or amplify? 4765.55
- 6. What are the reasons for proposing the rule?

These rules are being filed as part of a comprehensive five-year rule review and reorganization of the fire training rules in agency 4765 of the OAC, at the request of stakeholders. OAC chapters governing fire charters, fire service and fire instructor training, professional standards, and discipline are proposed to be made consecutive chapters in OAC 4765, and a chapter including definitions and items incorporated by reference as two separate rules has been added. At the request of stakeholders, proposed revisions add language creating a live fire instructor (LFI) certification and a hazard recognition officer (HRO) certification.

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7. Summarize the rule's content, and if this is an amended rule, also summarize the rule's changes.

OAC Rule 4765-20-11 sets forth the continuing education requirements needed for a firefighter to renew a firefighter certificate. This rule includes provisions for firefighter certificate holders who are not affiliated with an Ohio fire department or those who reside outside of Ohio, to have continuing education recognized to comply with renewal requirements. This rule specifies that training received from the National Fire Academy, Fire Department Instructors Conference, Fire-Rescue International, and National Domestic Preparedness Consortium may be used to fulfill the continuing education requirements. The rule prohibits earning credit for continuing education (CE) for routine duties, prohibits a person from earning more than twelve hours of CE training in one calendar day, and prohibits a person from earning CE for the identical online training class taken more than once per calendar year. The rule sets forth the criteria for extensions of time to complete firefighter CE education, record keeping requirements, and military provisions related to firefighter CE.

- 8. Does the rule incorporate material by reference? No
- 9. If the rule incorporates material by reference and the agency claims the material is exempt pursuant to R.C. 121.71 to 121.76, please explain the basis for the exemption and how an individual can find the referenced material.

Not Applicable

10. If revising or re-filing the rule, please indicate the changes made in the revised or re-filed version of the rule.

Not Applicable

II. Fiscal Analysis

11. As a result of this proposed rule, please estimate the increase / decrease in revenues or expenditures affecting this agency, or the state generally, in the current biennium or future years. If the proposed rule is likely to have a different fiscal effect in future years, please describe the expected difference and operation.

This will have no impact on revenues or expenditures.

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Not applicable.

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12. What are the estimated costs of compliance for all persons and/or organizations directly affected by the rule?

Not applicable.

- 13. Does the rule increase local government costs? (If yes, you must complete an RSFA Part B). No
- 14. Does the rule regulate environmental protection? (If yes, you must complete an RSFA Part C). No

III. Common Sense Initiative (CSI) Questions

- 15. Was this rule filed with the Common Sense Initiative Office? No
- 16. Does this rule have an adverse impact on business? No
 - A. Does this rule require a license, permit, or any other prior authorization to engage in or operate a line of business? No
 - B. Does this rule impose a criminal penalty, a civil penalty, or another sanction, or create a cause of action, for failure to comply with its terms? No
 - C. Does this rule require specific expenditures or the report of information as a condition of compliance? No