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Senate Bill 1077 (Substitute S-1 as reported)  
Sponsor: Senator Roger Kahn, M.D.  
Committee: Education

### **CONTENT**

The bill would create a new act to permit a fire department to establish a Boy Scout Explorer Post, and permit a school district or other entity to affiliate with a fire department to allow 16- and 17-year-olds to participate in firefighter training courses and the firefighter exam.

Specifically, an organized fire department administering a firefighter I and II course and a firefighter examination could establish a Boy Scouts of America Explorer Post within its department for individuals 16 or 17 years of age.

An affiliated organization that was not an organized fire department could affiliate with an organized fire department for the purpose of allowing 16- or 17-year-olds to participate in the firefighter I and II course and the firefighter examination. ("Affiliated organization" would mean a school district, organized fire department, or other entity.)

The board of a local or intermediate school district could apply to the State Board of Education for a permit or annual authorization to engage a noncertificated, nonendorsed teacher to teach firefighter I and II courses and administer the exam.

The bill would not require the State Fire Marshal or the Office of Firefighter Training to pay or contribute any funds for the administration of the course or the examinations that were in addition to any exams or costs already imposed under the Firefighters Training Council Act. The fire department or the individual taking the course and exam would have to bear any additional costs.

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### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would have no effect on State revenue or expenditure. The bill would have a minimal impact on local unit revenue and expenditures, and only to the extent that the cost of expanding training classes would increase costs and/or revenue. It is unknown how many fire departments and affiliated organization would engage in activities allowed under the bill.

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