

BILL SUMMARY
Senate Bill 709, Printer's No. 730
Prime Sponsor: Solobay

SUMMARY:

This legislation would allow funds donated to fire companies to be used for emergency medical services (EMS) training and paramedic training.

EXISTING LAW:

This bill amends Title 35 (Health and Safety). Under the current law, the funds of any volunteer firefighters' relief association may be spent for more than a dozen stated uses.

ANALYSIS:

Currently, EMS trainees and paramedic trainees are not permitted to use fire relief association money to pay for their training. This bill would open the door to more training opportunities for those who want to improve their skills, but who may not be able to afford training costs on their own. The bill would allow for reimbursement of "reasonable costs" incurred in actual training.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

This bill would take effect immediately.