

PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT[661]

Regulatory Analysis

Notice of Intended Action to be published: 661—Chapter 53
“Fire Service Training Bureau”

Iowa Code section(s) or chapter(s) authorizing rulemaking: 100B.4

State or federal law(s) implemented by the rulemaking: Iowa Code section 100B.6

Public Hearing

A public hearing at which persons may present their views orally or in writing will be held as follows:

September 8, 2026
2 to 2:30 p.m.

Public Conference Room 125
Oran Pape State Office Building
Des Moines, Iowa

Public Comment

Any interested person may submit written comments concerning this Regulatory Analysis, which must be received by the Department of Public Safety no later than 4:30 p.m. on the date of the public hearing. Comments should be directed to:

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Purpose and Summary

Pursuant to Executive Order 10, the Department proposes to rescind Chapter 53 and adopt a new chapter in lieu thereof. The chapter outlines the roles and responsibilities of the Fire Service Training Bureau (FSTB) within the State Fire Marshal division. This chapter also provides fees for various courses and programs.

Analysis of Impact

1. Persons affected by the proposed rulemaking:

• Classes of persons that will bear the costs of the proposed rulemaking:

Any person wishing to take current course offerings through the FSTB will bear the cost of associated fees.

• Classes of persons that will benefit from the proposed rulemaking:

Any person taking a course provided by the FSTB will benefit.

2. Impact of the proposed rulemaking, economic or otherwise, including the nature and amount of all the different kinds of costs that would be incurred:

• Quantitative description of impact:

Individuals participating in current course offerings or programs provided by the FSTB are responsible for the corresponding fees.

• Qualitative description of impact:

Iowa's fire and emergency services personnel, as well as the general public, benefit from personnel being well-trained and well-equipped in regard to fire safety.

3. Costs to the State:

- **Implementation and enforcement costs borne by the agency or any other agency:**

No costs are borne by any agency.

- **Anticipated effect on State revenues:**

There is no anticipated effect on State revenues.

4. Comparison of the costs and benefits of the proposed rulemaking to the costs and benefits of inaction:

Ensuring Iowa's fire and emergency services personnel receive quality education, training, and certification contributes to the reduction of injuries, fatalities, and property loss from fire and other hazards, further enhancing public safety in Iowa.

5. Determination whether less costly methods or less intrusive methods exist for achieving the purpose of the proposed rulemaking:

The Department has determined this to be the least costly and least intrusive method for achieving the purpose of the proposed rulemaking.

6. Alternative methods considered by the agency:

- **Description of any alternative methods that were seriously considered by the agency:**

None were identified.

- **Reasons why alternative methods were rejected in favor of the proposed rulemaking:**

Not applicable.

Small Business Impact

If the rulemaking will have a substantial impact on small business, include a discussion of whether it would be feasible and practicable to do any of the following to reduce the impact of the rulemaking on small business:

- Establish less stringent compliance or reporting requirements in the rulemaking for small business.

- Establish less stringent schedules or deadlines in the rulemaking for compliance or reporting requirements for small business.

- Consolidate or simplify the rulemaking's compliance or reporting requirements for small business.

- Establish performance standards to replace design or operational standards in the rulemaking for small business.

- Exempt small business from any or all requirements of the rulemaking.

If legal and feasible, how does the rulemaking use a method discussed above to reduce the substantial impact on small business?

There is no substantial impact on small business.

Text of Proposed Rulemaking

ITEM 1. Rescind 661—Chapter 53 and adopt the following new chapter in lieu thereof:

CHAPTER 53
FIRE SERVICE TRAINING BUREAU

661—53.1(100B) Fire service training bureau. There is established within the state fire marshal division a fire service training bureau with responsibility for instructing the general public and fire protection personnel throughout the state, providing service to public and private fire departments in the state, conducting research in the methods of maintaining and improving fire and other emergency

services education consistent with the needs of Iowa communities, and performing any other functions assigned to the bureau by the state fire marshal in consultation with the state fire service and emergency response council.

661—53.2(100B) Programs, services, and fees.

53.2(1) *Courses, conferences, and registration fees.* Current course offerings, conferences, and associated registration and other fees of the fire service training bureau are available in electronic format via the fire service training bureau website. Current fees include the following:

- a.* The fee for a live fire/live fire instructor-in-charge course is \$750.
- b.* The fee for annual fire school is \$50 per day.
- c.* The fee for a fire investigation course is \$750.

53.2(2) Reserved.

These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code section 100B.6.