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Chapter 9

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100 Club of Central Austin
Attn: Executive Director Etta Moore

Dear Ms. Moore,

The Texas Fire Marshals' Association wishes to make the following statement regarding HB 364 by Representative Dan Huberty concerning the addition to Sec. 54.352 of the Texas Education Code of firefighters permanently disabled in the line of duty.

Representing over 340 plus fire marshals, fire investigators and fire inspectors from across the State of Texas, the Texas Fire Marshals' Association fully supports the inclusion of fire service members injured in the line of duty to those public servants already covered by Sec. 54.352 of the Texas Education Code.

Free access to State institutions of higher learning is the least that can be done for our public servants who have risked their health protecting the communities they serve to the point of permanent disability. The passing of this bill will serve to offer them an avenue to transition to a field or hobby that is suitable to the physical limitations initiated while performing the duties of their chosen profession.

The effort to address this issue legislatively does not go unnoticed by our members. We are not only highly in favor of the passing of this bill; we appreciate Representative Huberty's recognition of the need for such legislation.

Respectfully Submitted,

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President

Texas Fire Marshal's Association