



Legislation Text

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Fiscal Note

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Title

Declaring September 2014 Campus Fire Safety Month.

Body

WHEREAS, recent student-related housing fires in Indiana, Massachusetts, Ohio, Minnesota, Wisconsin and other schools across the country have tragically cut short the lives of some of the youth of our Nation; and

WHEREAS, since January 2000, at least 163 people, including students, parents, and children have died in campus-related fires; and

WHEREAS, approximately 87 percent of these deaths have occurred in off-campus occupancies; and

WHEREAS, a majority of the students across the Nation live in off-campus occupancies; and

WHEREAS, a number of fatal fires have occurred in buildings where the fire safety systems have been compromised or disabled by the occupants; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that automatic fire alarm systems and smoke alarms provide the necessary early warning to occupants and the fire department of a fire so that appropriate action can be taken; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that automatic fire sprinkler systems are a highly effective method of controlling or extinguishing a fire in its early stages, protecting the lives of the building's occupants; and

WHEREAS, many students are living in off-campus occupancies and residence halls that are not adequately protected with automatic fire sprinkler systems and automatic fire alarm systems or adequate smoke alarms; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that fire safety education is an effective method of reducing the occurrence of fires and reducing the resulting loss of life and property damage; and

WHEREAS, students are not routinely receiving effective fire safety education throughout their entire college career; and

WHEREAS, it is vital to educate the future generation of our Nation about the importance of fire safety behavior so that these behaviors can help to ensure their safety during their college years and beyond; and

WHEREAS, by developing a generation of fire-safe adults, future loss of life from fires can be significantly reduced: and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council:

- (1) Supports the establishment of September as Campus Fire Safety Month; and
- (2) Encourages schools to provide educational programs to all students during September and throughout the school year; and
- (3) Encourages schools to evaluate the level of fire safety being provided in both on- and off-campus

student housing and take the necessary steps to ensure fire-safe living environments through fire safety education, installation of fire suppression and detection systems and smoke alarms and the development and enforcement of applicable codes relating to fire safety.