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Sec. 29-251c-1. Determination of education fee to be assessed against applicants for building permits by the state building inspector and municipal building officials

(a) The education fee to be assessed as required by subsection (b) of section 29-252a of the Connecticut General Statutes, and subsection (b) of section 29-263 of the Connecticut General Statutes, shall be set annually by the Commissioner of Public Safety, hereafter “the Commissioner,” after the training and education budget has been approved by the Code Training and Education Board of Control as provided in subsection (b) of section 29-251c of the Connecticut General Statutes.

(b) The amount of such education fee for any year shall be determined by estimating the total construction value of all building permit applications that are anticipated to be filed in the state that year, dividing the Commissioner’s training and education budget total for that year by that number, multiplying the result by 1,000, and then adding the fee anticipated to be retained by the municipality for that year (the “municipal retention fee”). Expressed as a formula, such calculation shall be performed as follows: $(\text{Training and Education Budget} / \text{Total Construction Value of Building Permit Applications} \times 1,000) + \text{Municipal Retention Fee} = \text{Education Fee}$. The resulting number shall be rounded to two decimal places and shall be expressed in hundredths of a dollar per 1,000 dollars of construction value.

(c) The education fee assessment may be adjusted downward or upward annually, as necessary, provided that any annual increase shall not exceed four cents.

(d) In forecasting the total construction value of building permit applications that may be filed in the next fiscal year, the Commissioner shall consider the current year’s value to date and may consider forecasts of future construction activity from the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development or such other sources as the Commissioner deems reliable and appropriate.

(e) Prior to a final annual determination of the education fee amount, the Commissioner shall afford all interested persons reasonable opportunity to submit data, views or arguments regarding the education fee, orally at a hearing or in writing.

(f) Once the amount of the education fee has been determined, the Commissioner shall notify each municipal building official of any necessary fee adjustment.

(Adopted effective March 1, 2000; amended July 1, 2008)

Sec. 29-251c-2. Determination of education fee portion to be retained by municipal building departments for administrative costs

(a) After a budget for training and education has been approved in accordance with subsection (b) of section 29-251c of the Connecticut General Statutes, each municipal building official may provide the Commissioner of Public Safety with any documentation necessary to demonstrate the municipality’s need for a particular level of funding to defray the costs of collecting and transmitting education fee proceeds to the Department of Public Safety.

(b) The Commissioner shall set the portion of the education fee to be retained by each municipal building department at not less than one and not more than three cents.

(c) Interested persons may submit data, views or arguments regarding such portion to the Commissioner in accordance with the provisions of subsection (e) of Sec. 29-251c-1 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies. The Commissioner may consider such data, views or arguments in determining the portion of the education fee to be retained by each municipal building department.

(d) After the Commissioner determines the portion of the fee that may be retained, each municipal building official shall be notified of that amount.

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