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# S. 336

To convert certain excepted service positions in the United States Fire Administration to competitive service positions, and for other purposes.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. SARBANES introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs

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## A BILL

To convert certain excepted service positions in the United States Fire Administration to competitive service positions, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. CONVERSION OF CERTAIN EXCEPTED SERVICE**  
4 **POSITIONS IN THE UNITED STATES FIRE AD-**  
5 **MINISTRATION TO COMPETITIVE SERVICE**  
6 **POSITIONS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—No later than the date described  
8 under subsection (d)(1), the Director of the Federal  
9 Emergency Management Agency and the Director of the  
10 Office of Personnel Management shall take such actions

1 as necessary to convert each excepted service position es-  
2 tablished before the date of the enactment of this Act  
3 under section 7(c)(4) of the Federal Fire Prevention and  
4 Control Act of 1974 (15 U.S.C. 2206(c)(4)) to a competi-  
5 tive service position.

6 (b) EFFECT ON EMPLOYEES.—Any employee em-  
7 ployed on the date of the enactment of this Act in an ex-  
8 cepted service position converted under subsection (a)—

9 (1) shall remain employed in the competitive  
10 service position so converted without a break in serv-  
11 ice;

12 (2) by reason of such conversion, shall have  
13 no—

14 (A) diminution of seniority;

15 (B) reduction of cumulative years of serv-  
16 ice; and

17 (C) requirement to serve an additional pro-  
18 bationary period applied; and

19 (3) shall retain their standing and participation  
20 with respect to chapter 83 or 84 of title 5, United  
21 States Code, relating to Federal retirement.

22 (c) PROSPECTIVE COMPETITIVE SERVICE POSI-  
23 TIONS.—Section 7(c)(4) of the Federal Fire Prevention  
24 and Control Act of 1974 (15 U.S.C. 2206(c)(4)) is amend-  
25 ed to read as follows:

1           “(4) appoint faculty members to competitive  
2 service positions and with respect to temporary and  
3 intermittent services, to make appointments of con-  
4 sultants to the same extent as is authorized by sec-  
5 tion 3109 of title 5, United States Code;”.

6           (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

7           (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided under  
8 paragraph (2), this Act shall take effect on the first  
9 day of the first pay period, applicable to the posi-  
10 tions described under subsection (a), beginning after  
11 the date of the enactment of this Act.

12           (2) ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS.—

13           (A) CONVERSION OF POSITIONS.—The Di-  
14 rector of the Federal Emergency Management  
15 Agency and the Director of the Office of Per-  
16 sonnel Management shall take such actions as  
17 directed under subsection (a) on and after the  
18 date of the enactment of this Act.

19           (B) NEW POSITIONS.—Subsection (c) shall take  
20 effect on the date of the enactment of this Act.

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