



HOUSE BILL 512: Amend/Clarify Back-Up PSAP Requirements

2015-2016 General Assembly

Committee:	House Local Government	Date:	April 27, 2015
Introduced by:	Reps. S. Martin, Steinburg, Saine, B. Brown	Prepared by:	Kelly Tornow
Analysis of:	First Edition		Committee Counsel

SUMMARY: *House Bill 512 would: (1) delay implementation of back-up PSAP requirements, and (2) require the 911 Board to investigate alternatives for facilitation of uniform procurement and pricing of 911 eligible expenses through bulk purchasing and other means.*

CURRENT LAW: The 911 Board distributes 911 fees to "public safety answering points" (PSAPs). Each PSAP is the public safety agency that receives incoming 911 calls and dispatches public safety agencies in response. The distributions from 911 fees may only be used for certain eligible purchases by the PSAP.

Session Law 2014-66 requires each PSAP to plan for 911 call-taking in the event the primary PSAP cannot process calls. PSAPs are authorized to use distributions from the 911 Fund to pay for dispatch equipment at a back-up PSAP. As of July 1, 2016, PSAPs will not be eligible for distributions from the 911 Fund if the PSAP does not have a back-up PSAP.

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 512 would delay implementation of back-up PSAP requirements by providing that by July 1, 2016, a PSAP must have a plan for 911 call-taking in the event 911 calls cannot be received and processed in the primary PSAP, or must have made substantial progress toward implementation of the plan and means.

House Bill 512 would also require the 911 Board to investigate alternatives for facilitation of uniform procurement and pricing of 911 eligible expenses through bulk purchasing and other means and report its findings and requests for legislative action to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Information Technology by May 1, 2016.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act is effective when it becomes law.

O. Walker Reagan
Director



Research Division
(919) 733-2578

* H 5 1 2 - S M T H - 4 1 E 1 - V 4 *