



This Bill Analysis reflects the contents of the bill as it was presented in committee.

# HOUSE BILL 961: Required Training Police Telecommunicators.

2017-2018 General Assembly

<b>Committee:</b>	House Judiciary II	<b>Date:</b>	June 6, 2018
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Reps. Faircloth, Brenden Jones, Boles, Speciale	<b>Prepared by:</b>	Shawn Middlebrooks Staff Attorney
<b>Analysis of:</b>	PCS to First Edition H961-CSBQ-4		

**OVERVIEW:** *The Proposed Committee Substitute (PCS) to HB 961 would require all persons employed as a telecommunicator for a municipal police department to meet the eligibility requirements for telecommunicators as established by the North Carolina Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards Commission.*

**CURRENT LAW:** Standards for deputy sheriffs are established in Chapter 17E of the General Statutes and by the North Carolina Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards Commission. Standards for municipal police personnel are established in Chapter 17C of the General Statutes and by the North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission.

Pursuant to G.S. 17E-7(c1), deputy sheriffs appointed as telecommunicators after March 1, 1998 must comply with entry-level training standards adopted by the Sheriffs' Commission. Telecommunicator means any person performing responsibilities, either full time, part time, permanent or temporary basis, for communication functions to include receiving calls or dispatching for emergency and law enforcement services.

Currently, there are no training standards for persons employed as telecommunicators by municipal police departments.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** The PCS would require that, effective July 1, 2020, any person employed as a telecommunicator by a municipal police department meet the requirements for telecommunicators as set forth by the Sheriffs' Commission.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This act would be effective when it becomes law.

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