



# SENATE BILL 721: Required Training Police Telecommunicators.

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<b>Introduced by:</b>	Sens. Rabin, Alexander, Sanderson	<b>Prepared by:</b>	Brad Krehely
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**OVERVIEW:** *Senate Bill 721 would require that, effective July 1, 2020, all persons employed as a telecommunicator for a municipal police department must meet the eligibility requirements for telecommunicators as established by the North Carolina Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards Commission. This bill is a recommendation of the Joint Legislative Emergency Management Oversight Committee.*

**[As introduced, this bill was identical to H961, as introduced by Reps. Faircloth, Brenden Jones, Boles, Speciale, which is currently in Senate Rules and Operations of the Senate.]**

**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:** Senate Bill 721 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 North Carolina Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards Commission.

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

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