



HOUSE BILL 1063: Fund VIPER Tower Hardware Upgrades.

2019-2020 General Assembly

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OVERVIEW: *S.L. 2020-14 allocates \$19,800,530 to the Department of Public Safety to be used for tower hardware upgrades to the Voice Interoperability Plan for Emergency Responders (VIPER) network.*

This act became effective on July 1, 2020.

BILL ANALYSIS:

Section 1 conveys findings of the General Assembly that explain the necessity of upgrades to the VIPER network tower hardware to allow first responders to effectively respond to the public health emergencies caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Section 2 directs the State Controller to transfer \$19,800,530 in nonrecurring funds for the 2020-2021 fiscal year from the Coronavirus Relief Reserve to the Coronavirus Relief Fund.

Section 3 appropriates \$19,800,530 in nonrecurring funds for the 2020-2021 fiscal year from the Coronavirus Relief Fund to the Office of State Budget and Management (OSBM) and directs OSBM to allocate those funds to the Department of Public Safety to be used for VIPER tower hardware upgrades.

Section 4 adds the same requirements of Part I of S.L. 2020-4, the 2020 COVID-19 Recovery Act, to the funds appropriated in this act, including a requirement to report on how the funds are spent.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act became effective on July 1, 2020.

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