



**SENATE BILL 681:  
Agency Policy Directives/2019-2020, Sec. 12.4:  
Public Safety Answering Point Funding Changes**

2019-2020 General Assembly

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<b>Analysis of:</b>	Sec. 12.4 of S.L. 2020-78		

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**OVERVIEW:** *Sec. 12.4 of S.L. 2020-78, does all of the following:*

- *Authorizes the distribution of 911 Funds to a city or county operating a public safety answering point (PSAP) to pay the costs to comply with an intergovernmental support agreement with a major military installation requiring the city or county and that major military installation to serve as a back-up PSAP or secondary PSAP for each other's 911 system.*
- *For purposes of the 911 funding formula, it requires the 911 Board to:*
  - *Include the population of a major military installation operating a PSAP in the population count of any PSAP operated by a city or county that is a party to an intergovernmental support agreement with that major military installation.*
  - *Treat an intergovernmental support agreement between a city or county operating a PSAP, and a major military installation operating a PSAP, as an interlocal agreement.*

*This section became effective July 1, 2020 and applies to distributions for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and subsequent fiscal years.*

**CURRENT LAW:** A PSAP is the public safety answering point that receives an incoming 911 call and dispatches the appropriate first responding agencies to the call. A monthly 911 service charge is imposed on each active communications service connection providing access to the 911 system through a voice communications service and is paid by the subscriber to the provider of that voice communications service. The communications service provider then remits the collected charges to the 911 Board, a 17-member board established in the Department of Information Technology. The collected charges are held in the 911 Fund, an interest-bearing special revenue fund within the State treasury administered by the 911 Board. Distributions from the 911 Fund are made by the 911 Board in accordance with statutory requirements.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** Sec. 12.4 of S.L. 2020-78 does all of the following:

- Authorizes the distribution of 911 Funds to a city or county operating a PSAP to pay the costs to comply with an intergovernmental support agreement with a major military installation requiring the city or county and that major military installation to serve as a back-up PSAP or secondary PSAP for each other's 911 system.
- For purposes of the 911 funding formula, it requires the 911 Board to:
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