

HOUSE BILL 211: The Kelsey Smith Act.

2025-2026 General Assembly

Committee: House Emergency Management and Disaster **Date:** March 26, 2025

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OVERVIEW: House Bill 211 would authorize the provision of call location information to law enforcement under certain emergency circumstances.

BILL ANALYSIS:

House Bill 211 would require a wireless telecommunications carrier to provide available phone location information to law enforcement if either of the following are asserted:

- The device was used to place a 911 call requesting emergency assistance.
- There is reasonable suspicion that the device is in the possession of a person involved in an emergency situation that involves risk of death or serious physical harm.

There would be no cause of action against a wireless telecommunications carrier for providing information pursuant to this act.

Wireless telecommunications carriers would be required to submit emergency contact information to the SBI annually by June 15, or at any time there is a change in the contact information. The SBI shall maintain a database of this information available to public safety answering points.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act becomes effective July 1, 2025.

