



HOUSE BILL 695: Support VIPER/Assist 911 Operations/Dispatch.

2025-2026 General Assembly

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| Committee: | House Emergency Management and Disaster Recovery. If favorable, re-refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House | Date: | April 16, 2025 |
| Introduced by: | Reps. B. Jones, Miller, Carson Smith, Pyrtle | Prepared by: | Susan Sitze |
| Analysis of: | First Edition | | Staff Attorney |

OVERVIEW: *House Bill 695 would allocate a percentage of the 911 Fund to support the State's Voice Interoperability Plan for Emergency Responders (VIPER) system insofar as that system supports 911 operations in the State.*

CURRENT LAW:

The 911 Fund is an interest-bearing special reserve fund within the State treasury that receives funds from the monthly 911 service charge imposed on each active communications service connection and is administered by the 911 Board.

G.S. 143B-1404 currently requires the 911 Fund to be generally distributed as follows:

- Up to 3.5% to the 911 Board for administrative expenses.
- A minimum of 15% to the Next Generation 911 Reserve Fund.
- A minimum of 5% to the PSAP (Public Safety Answering Point) Grant and Statewide Projects Account

BILL ANALYSIS:

House Bill 695 would require the 911 Board to allocate a minimum of 20% of the total service charges remitted to the 911 Fund to the State Highway Patrol to be used for the support and maintenance of the State's VIPER system insofar as that system relates to the provision of 911 services in the State, the provision for the interoperability of 911 systems with one another and with public safety and first responder radio systems, and the dispatch of first responders in response to 911 communications.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act would become effective July 1, 2025, and apply to allocations made by the 911 Board on or after that date.

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