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Referred to Committee on Public Safety and Security

Introduced by:  
(PS)

**AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE E 9-1-1 COMMISSION.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 28-24 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2005*):

3 (a) There is established an Office of State-Wide Emergency  
4 Telecommunications which shall be in the Division of Fire, Emergency  
5 and Building Services within the Department of Public Safety. The  
6 Office of State-Wide Emergency Telecommunications shall be  
7 responsible for developing and maintaining a state-wide emergency  
8 service telecommunications policy. In connection with said policy the  
9 office shall:

10 (1) Develop a state-wide emergency service telecommunications  
11 plan specifying emergency police, fire and medical service  
12 telecommunications systems needed to provide coordinated  
13 emergency service telecommunications to all state residents, including  
14 the physically disabled;

15 (2) Pursuant to the recommendations of the task force established by  
16 public act 95-318\* to study enhanced 9-1-1 telecommunications  
17 services, and in accordance with regulations adopted by the  
18 Commissioner of Public Safety pursuant to subsection (b) of this  
19 section, develop and administer, by July 1, 1997, an enhanced  
20 emergency 9-1-1 program, which shall provide for: (A) The  
21 replacement of existing 9-1-1 terminal equipment for each public safety  
22 answering point; (B) the subsidization of regional public safety  
23 emergency telecommunications centers, with enhanced subsidization  
24 for municipalities with a population in excess of [seventy] forty  
25 thousand; (C) the establishment of a transition grant program to  
26 encourage regionalization of public safety telecommunications centers;  
27 and (D) the establishment of a regional emergency telecommunications  
28 service credit in order to support regional dispatch services;

29 (3) Provide technical telecommunications assistance to state and  
30 local police, fire and emergency medical service agencies;

31 (4) Provide frequency coordination for such agencies;

32 (5) Coordinate and assist in state-wide planning for 911 and E911  
33 systems;

34 (6) Review and make recommendations concerning proposed  
35 legislation affecting emergency service telecommunications; and

36 (7) Review and make recommendations to the General Assembly  
37 concerning emergency service telecommunications funding.

38 (b) The Commissioner of Public Safety shall adopt regulations, in  
39 accordance with chapter 54, establishing eligibility standards for state  
40 financial assistance to local or regional police, fire and emergency  
41 medical service agencies providing emergency service  
42 telecommunications. Not later than April 1, 1997, the commissioner  
43 shall adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, in order to  
44 carry out the provisions of subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this

45 section.

46 (c) Within a time period determined by the commissioner to ensure  
47 the availability of funds for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1997, to the  
48 regional public safety emergency telecommunications centers within  
49 the state, and not later than April first of each year thereafter, the  
50 commissioner shall determine the amount of funding needed for the  
51 development and administration of the enhanced emergency 9-1-1  
52 program. The commissioner shall specify the expenses associated with  
53 (1) the purchase, installation and maintenance of new public safety  
54 answering point terminal equipment, (2) the implementation of the  
55 subsidy program, as described in subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of  
56 this section, (3) the implementation of the transition grant program,  
57 described in subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section, (4) the  
58 implementation of the regional emergency telecommunications service  
59 credit, as described in subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section,  
60 provided, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001, and each fiscal year  
61 thereafter, such credit for coordinated medical emergency direction  
62 services as provided in regulations adopted under this section shall be  
63 based upon the factor of [~~fifteen~~] thirty cents per capita and shall not  
64 be reduced each year, (5) the training of personnel, as necessary, (6)  
65 recurring expenses and future capital costs associated with the  
66 telecommunications network used to provide emergency 9-1-1 service,  
67 (7) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001, and each fiscal year  
68 thereafter, the collection, maintenance and reporting of emergency  
69 medical services data, as required under subparagraphs (A) and (B) of  
70 subdivision (8) of section 19a-177, provided the amount of expenses  
71 specified under this subdivision shall not exceed two hundred fifty  
72 thousand dollars in any fiscal year, (8) for the fiscal year ending June  
73 30, 2001, and each fiscal year thereafter, the initial training of  
74 emergency medical dispatch personnel, the provision of an emergency  
75 medical dispatch priority reference card set and emergency medical  
76 dispatch training and continuing education pursuant to subdivisions  
77 (3) and (4) of subsection (g) of section 28-25b, and (9) the  
78 administration of the enhanced emergency 9-1-1 program by the Office

79 of State-Wide Emergency Telecommunications, as the commissioner  
80 determines to be reasonably necessary. The commissioner shall  
81 communicate the commissioner's findings to the chairperson of the  
82 Public Utilities Control Authority not later than April first of each year.

83 (d) The office may apply for, receive and distribute any federal  
84 funds available for emergency service telecommunications. The office  
85 shall deposit such federal funds in the Enhanced 9-1-1  
86 Telecommunications Fund established by section 28-30a.

87 (e) The office shall work in cooperation with the Department of  
88 Public Utility Control to carry out the purposes of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2005	28-24

**Statement of Purpose:**

To change the threshold for municipalities that receive funding from the E 9-1-1 fund from municipalities with a population in excess of seventy thousand to those with a population in excess of forty thousand and to modify the credit for coordinated medical emergency direction services from fifteen cents per capita to thirty cents per capita, thus providing funds for additional municipalities who are burdened with greater demands on emergency communications.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*