



General Assembly

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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 Section 28-24 of the general statutes is repealed and the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 and the public safety services data networks, (7) for the fiscal year
68 ending June 30, 2001, and each fiscal year thereafter, the collection,
69 maintenance and reporting of emergency medical services data, as
70 required under subparagraphs (A) and (B) of subdivision (8) of section
71 19a-177, provided the amount of expenses specified under this
72 subdivision shall not exceed two hundred fifty thousand dollars in any
73 fiscal year, (8) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001, and each fiscal
74 year thereafter, the initial training of emergency medical dispatch
75 personnel, the provision of an emergency medical dispatch priority
76 reference card set and emergency medical dispatch training and
77 continuing education pursuant to subdivisions (3) and (4) of
78 subsection (g) of section 28-25b, and (9) the administration of the
79 enhanced emergency 9-1-1 program by the Office of State-Wide
80 Emergency Telecommunications, as the commissioner determines to
81 be reasonably necessary. The commissioner shall communicate the
82 commissioner's findings to the chairperson of the Public Utilities
83 Control Authority not later than April first of each year.

