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Senate Bill No. 62

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The Committee on Public Safety and Security reported through SEN. HARTLEY of the 15th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONNECTICUT PUBLIC SAFETY DATA NETWORK.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Commissioner of
2 Emergency Services and Public Protection, in consultation with the
3 Chief Information Officer of the Division of Information Technology
4 within the Department of Administrative Services, shall establish a
5 public safety data network in an electronic format that allows for the
6 exchange of information among public safety and criminal justice
7 entities.

8 (b) Prior to July 1, 2012, the Office of State-Wide Emergency
9 Telecommunications shall create technical and operational standards
10 for the establishment of the public safety data network.

11 (c) The commissioner shall ensure that implementation of the public
12 safety data network complies with all state and federal requirements
13 for controlled or limited access data.

14 (d) The commissioner may enter into memoranda of understanding
15 with public safety or criminal justice agencies that are connecting to
16 the public safety data network concerning the use of the network. Such
17 memoranda may address cost-sharing related to such use.

18 (e) Sources of revenue that provide funding for existing networks
19 may be used to fund the use of the public safety data network.

20 Sec. 2. Subsection (c) of section 28-24 of the 2012 supplement to the
21 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
22 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2012*):

23 (c) Within a time period determined by the commissioner to ensure
24 the availability of funds for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1997, to the
25 regional public safety emergency telecommunications centers within
26 the state, and not later than April first of each year thereafter, the
27 commissioner shall determine the amount of funding needed for the
28 development and administration of the enhanced emergency 9-1-1
29 program. The commissioner shall specify the expenses associated with
30 (1) the purchase, installation and maintenance of new public safety
31 answering point terminal equipment, (2) the implementation of the
32 subsidy program, as described in subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of
33 this section, (3) the implementation of the transition grant program,
34 described in subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section, (4) the
35 implementation of the regional emergency telecommunications service
36 credit, as described in subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section,
37 provided, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001, and each fiscal year
38 thereafter, such credit for coordinated medical emergency direction
39 services as provided in regulations adopted under this section shall be
40 based upon the factor of thirty cents per capita and shall not be
41 reduced each year, (5) the training of personnel, as necessary, (6)
42 recurring expenses and future capital costs associated with the
43 telecommunications network used to provide emergency 9-1-1 service
44 and the public safety services data networks, (7) for the fiscal year
45 ending June 30, 2001, and each fiscal year thereafter, the collection,
46 maintenance and reporting of emergency medical services data, as

47 required under subparagraph (A) of subdivision (8) of section 19a-177,
48 provided the amount of expenses specified under this subdivision
49 shall not exceed two hundred fifty thousand dollars in any fiscal year,
50 (8) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001, and each fiscal year
51 thereafter, the initial training of emergency medical dispatch
52 personnel, the provision of an emergency medical dispatch priority
53 reference card set and emergency medical dispatch training and
54 continuing education pursuant to subdivisions (3) and (4) of
55 subsection (g) of section 28-25b, [and] (9) the administration of the
56 enhanced emergency 9-1-1 program by the Office of State-Wide
57 Emergency Telecommunications, as the commissioner determines to
58 be reasonably necessary, and (10) the implementation and
59 maintenance of the public safety data network established pursuant to
60 section 1 of this act. The commissioner shall communicate the
61 commissioner's findings to the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority
62 not later than April first of each year.

63 Sec. 3. Section 28-29a of the 2012 supplement to the general statutes
64 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
65 *1, 2012*):

66 (a) There is established an E 9-1-1 Commission to (1) advise the
67 office in the planning, design, implementation and coordination of the
68 state-wide emergency 9-1-1 telephone system to be created pursuant to
69 sections 28-25 [, 28-25a, 28-25b, 28-26, 28-27, 28-27a, 28-28, 28-28a,
70 28-28b, 28-29 and] to 28-29b, inclusive, and (2) in consultation with the
71 Coordinating Advisory Board established pursuant to section 29-1t,
72 advise the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection
73 in the planning, design, implementation, coordination and governance
74 of the public safety data network established pursuant to section 1 of
75 this act.

76 (b) The commission shall be appointed by the Governor and shall
77 consist of the following members: (1) One representative from the
78 technical support services unit of the Division of State Police within
79 the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection; (2) the

80 State Fire Administrator; (3) one representative from the Office of
81 Emergency Medical Services; (4) one representative from the Division
82 of Emergency Management and Homeland Security within the
83 Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection; (5) one
84 municipal police chief; (6) one municipal fire chief; (7) one volunteer
85 fireman; (8) one representative of the Connecticut Conference of
86 Municipalities; (9) one representative of the Council of Small Towns;
87 (10) one representative of telecommunicators, as defined in section 28-
88 30; (11) one representative of the public; (12) one manager or
89 coordinator of 9-1-1 public safety answering points serving areas of
90 differing population concentration; and (13) one representative of
91 providers of commercial mobile radio services, as defined in 47 Code
92 of Federal Regulations 20.3, as amended. Each member shall serve for
93 a term of three years from the date of his or her appointment or until a
94 successor has been appointed and qualified. No member of the
95 commission shall receive compensation for such member's services.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2012</i>	28-24(c)
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2012</i>	28-29a

PS *Joint Favorable*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 13 \$	FY 14 \$
Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection	E911 Fund - Cost	See Below	See Below

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill codifies current practice of the Office of Statewide Emergency Telecommunication (OSET). OSET is responsible for implementing and maintaining the Public Safety Data Network as a stipulation of a \$93.8 million federal grant. The annual maintenance of the network is included in the OSET budget. The annual maintenance cost for the network is \$4.0 million.

There are no costs anticipated for oversight of the network.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

Sources: Office of Statewide Emergency Telecommunication

OLR Bill Analysis**SB 62*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONNECTICUT PUBLIC SAFETY DATA NETWORK.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the (1) Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) to establish a public safety data network (PSDN) in an electronic format for exchanging information among public safety and criminal justice entities and (2) Office of State-Wide Emergency Telecommunications (OSET) to create technical and operational standards for the network's establishment.

The bill requires the E 9-1-1 Commission, in consultation with the Coordinating Advisory Board, to advise the DESPP commissioner in the planning, design, implementation, coordination, and governance of the network. The commission currently plays a similar role with regard to the E 9-1-1 system.

The bill adds the expenses associated with implementing and maintaining the PSDN to the other expenses the commissioner must consider when determining the amount of funding necessary for the E 9-1-1 program (see BACKGROUND).

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage for the establishment of the PSDN; July 1, 2012 for the remaining provisions.

ESTABLISHMENT OF PSDN

The DESPP commissioner must (1) establish the PSDN, in consultation with the chief information officer of the Department of Administrative Services' Division of Information Technology, and (2) ensure that implementation of the network complies with state and federal requirements for controlled or limited access data. He may

enter into memoranda of understanding (MOUs) about the use of the network with public safety or criminal justice agencies that use it. The MOUs may address cost-sharing related to this use.

The bill allows sources of revenue that provide funding for existing networks to be used to fund the network.

BACKGROUND

Funding for the E 9-1-1 Program

The DESPP commissioner must annually determine and report to the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA) the associated expenses and amount of funding needed to develop and administer the enhanced emergency 911 (E-911) system. Funding can be provided for:

1. buying, installing, and maintaining new public safety answering point (PSAP) terminal equipment;
2. transition grants to encourage PSAPs to regionalize;
3. subsidies for regional centers, with enhanced subsidies for municipalities with more than 40,000 residents;
4. coordinated medical emergency direction services that provide medical instructions to an E-911 caller before medical assistance arrives;
5. personnel training and related costs;
6. capital costs and recurring expenses associated with the telecommunications system that supports the E-911 system;
7. collecting, maintaining, and reporting emergency medical services data as required by state law, up to \$250,000 per year; and
8. OSET's administrative costs (CGS § 28-24(7)(c)).

Related Bill

sHB 5378, reported favorably by the Public Safety and Security Committee on March 15, increases, from 50 cents to 75 cents per month, per access line, the maximum amount that the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority may assess telecommunications subscribers to fund the E 9-1-1 program.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 23 Nay 0 (03/15/2012)