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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by:  
(PS)

***AN ACT CONCERNING EMERGENCY SERVICE PERSONNEL.***

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 Section 28-24 of the general statutes is repealed and the  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 January 1, 2020*):

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

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

14 (2) Pursuant to the recommendations of the task force established by

15 public act 95-318 to study enhanced 9-1-1 telecommunications services,  
16 and in accordance with regulations adopted by the Commissioner of  
17 Emergency Services and Public Protection pursuant to subsection (b)  
18 of this section, develop and administer, by July 1, 1997, an enhanced  
19 emergency 9-1-1 program, which shall provide for: (A) The  
20 replacement of existing 9-1-1 terminal equipment for each public safety  
21 answering point, provided, on and after July 1, 2020, if such public  
22 safety answering point serves a population of less than forty thousand,  
23 such public safety answering point shall be part of a regional  
24 emergency telecommunications center or a part of a multitown public  
25 safety answering point; (B) the subsidization of regional [public safety]  
26 emergency telecommunications centers and multitown public safety  
27 answering points; [, with enhanced subsidization for municipalities  
28 with a population in excess of forty thousand;] (C) the establishment of  
29 a transition grant program to encourage regionalization of public  
30 safety telecommunications centers; and (D) the establishment of a  
31 regional emergency telecommunications service credit in order to  
32 support regional dispatch services. For the purposes of this section,  
33 "regional emergency telecommunications center" means any entity  
34 authorized by the Department of Emergency Services and Public  
35 Protection as a public safety answering point that is responsible for the  
36 receipt and processing of 9-1-1 calls for at least three municipalities  
37 and serves a combined population of forty thousand or more, as  
38 determined by the most recent federal decennial census, and  
39 "multitown public safety answering point" means any entity  
40 authorized by the Department of Emergency Services and Public  
41 Protection as a public safety answering point that is responsible for the  
42 receipt and processing of 9-1-1 calls for two municipalities and serves a  
43 combined population of forty thousand or more, as determined by the  
44 most recent federal decennial census;

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

47 (4) Provide frequency coordination for such agencies;

48 (5) Coordinate and assist in state-wide planning for 9-1-1 and E 9-1-  
49 1 systems;

50 (6) Review and make recommendations concerning proposed  
51 legislation affecting emergency service telecommunications;

52 (7) Review and make recommendations to the General Assembly  
53 concerning emergency service telecommunications funding; and

54 (8) On or before January first of each year, prepare the annual  
55 budget for the use of funds from the Enhanced 9-1-1  
56 Telecommunications Fund and submit such budget to the Secretary of  
57 the Office of Policy and Management for the secretary's review and  
58 approval. On or before January fifteenth of each year, said secretary  
59 shall submit a report concerning the proposed use of such funds to the  
60 joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance  
61 of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies,  
62 finance, revenue and bonding, and public safety in accordance with  
63 the provisions of section 11-4a.

64 (b) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection  
65 shall adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, establishing  
66 eligibility standards for state financial assistance to local or regional  
67 police, fire and emergency medical service agencies providing  
68 emergency service telecommunications. Not later than April 1, 1997,  
69 the commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter  
70 54, in order to carry out the provisions of subdivision (2) of subsection  
71 (a) of this section.

72 (c) Within a time period determined by the commissioner to ensure  
73 the availability of funds for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1997, to the  
74 regional [public safety] emergency telecommunications centers within  
75 the state, and not later than April first of each year thereafter, the  
76 commissioner shall determine the amount of funding needed for the  
77 development and administration of the enhanced emergency 9-1-1  
78 program. The commissioner shall specify the expenses associated with

79 (1) the purchase, installation and maintenance of new public safety  
80 answering point terminal equipment, (2) the implementation of the  
81 subsidy program, as described in subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of  
82 this section, (3) the implementation of the transition grant program,  
83 described in subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section, (4) the  
84 implementation of the regional emergency telecommunications service  
85 credit, as described in subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section,  
86 provided, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001, and each fiscal year  
87 thereafter, such credit for coordinated medical emergency direction  
88 services as provided in regulations adopted under this section shall be  
89 based upon the factor of thirty cents per capita and shall not be  
90 reduced each year, (5) the training of personnel, as necessary, (6)  
91 recurring expenses and future capital costs associated with the  
92 telecommunications network used to provide emergency 9-1-1 service  
93 and the public safety services data networks, (7) for the fiscal year  
94 ending June 30, 2001, and each fiscal year thereafter, the collection,  
95 maintenance and reporting of emergency medical services data, as  
96 required under subparagraph (A) of subdivision (8) of section 19a-177,  
97 provided the amount of expenses specified under this subdivision  
98 shall not exceed two hundred fifty thousand dollars in any fiscal year,  
99 (8) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001, and each fiscal year  
100 thereafter, the initial training of emergency medical dispatch  
101 personnel, the provision of an emergency medical dispatch priority  
102 reference card set and emergency medical dispatch training and  
103 continuing education pursuant to subdivisions (3) and (4) of  
104 subsection (g) of section 28-25b, (9) the administration of the enhanced  
105 emergency 9-1-1 program by the Office of State-Wide Emergency  
106 Telecommunications, as the commissioner determines to be reasonably  
107 necessary, and (10) the implementation and maintenance of the public  
108 safety data network established pursuant to section 29-1j. The  
109 commissioner shall communicate the commissioner's findings to the  
110 Public Utilities Regulatory Authority not later than April first of each  
111 year.

112 (d) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, and each fiscal year  
113 thereafter, any public safety answering point that serves a population  
114 of less than forty thousand that is not part of a regional emergency  
115 telecommunications center or a part of a multitown public safety  
116 answering point shall not be eligible to receive any funds pursuant to  
117 this section.

118 (e) On and after July 1, 2020, the Department of Emergency Services  
119 and Public Protection shall not provide access to the  
120 telecommunications network used to provide emergency 9-1-1 services  
121 to a public safety answering point that does not serve a population of  
122 forty thousand or more.

123 ~~[(d)]~~ (f) The office may apply for, receive and distribute any federal  
124 funds available for emergency service telecommunications. The office  
125 shall deposit such federal funds in the Enhanced 9-1-1  
126 Telecommunications Fund established by section 28-30a, as amended  
127 by this act.

128 ~~[(e)]~~ (g) The office shall work in cooperation with the Public Utilities  
129 Regulatory Authority to carry out the purposes of this section.

130 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 28-30a of the general statutes is  
131 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
132 *January 1, 2020*):

133 (a) There is established a fund to be known as the "Enhanced 9-1-1  
134 Telecommunications Fund". The fund shall contain any moneys  
135 required by law to be deposited in the fund, including, but not limited  
136 to, any federal funds collected pursuant to subsection ~~[(d)]~~ (f) of  
137 section 28-24, as amended by this act, fees assessed against subscribers  
138 of local telephone service and subscribers of commercial mobile radio  
139 services pursuant to section 16-256g and prepaid wireless E 9-1-1 fees  
140 collected pursuant to section 28-30e. The Enhanced 9-1-1  
141 Telecommunications Fund shall be held separate and apart from all  
142 other moneys, funds and accounts. Interest derived from the

143 investment of the fund shall be credited to the assets of the fund. Any  
144 balance remaining in the fund at the end of any fiscal year shall be  
145 carried forward in the fund for the fiscal year next succeeding.

146 Sec. 3. Section 4-124s of the general statutes is repealed and the  
147 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2015*):

148 (a) For the purposes of this section:

149 (1) "Regional council of governments" means any such council  
150 organized under the provisions of sections 4-124i to 4-124p, inclusive;

151 (2) "Municipality" means a town, city or consolidated town and  
152 borough;

153 (3) "Legislative body" means the board of selectmen, town council,  
154 city council, board of alderman, board of directors, board of  
155 representatives or board of the warden and burgesses of a  
156 municipality; [and]

157 (4) "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Office of Policy and  
158 Management or the designee of the secretary;

159 (5) "Regional emergency telecommunications center" means any  
160 entity authorized by the Department of Emergency Services and Public  
161 Protection as a public safety answering point that is responsible for the  
162 receipt and processing of 9-1-1 calls for at least three municipalities  
163 and serves a combined population of forty thousand or more, as  
164 determined by the most recent federal decennial census;

165 (6) "Multitown public safety answering point" means any entity  
166 authorized by the Department of Emergency Services and Public  
167 Protection as a public safety answering point that is responsible for the  
168 receipt and processing of 9-1-1 calls for two municipalities and serves a  
169 combined population of forty thousand or more, as determined by the  
170 most recent federal decennial census; and

171 (7) "Public safety answering point" has the same meaning as  
172 provided in section 28-25.

173 (b) There is established a regional performance incentive program  
174 that shall be administered by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and  
175 Management. On or before December 31, 2011, and annually  
176 thereafter, any regional council of governments, any two or more  
177 municipalities acting through a regional council of governments, any  
178 economic development district or any combination thereof may submit  
179 a proposal to the secretary for: (1) The joint provision of any service  
180 that one or more participating municipalities of such council or agency  
181 currently provide but which is not provided on a regional basis, (2) a  
182 planning study regarding the joint provision of any service on a  
183 regional basis, or (3) shared information technology services. A copy of  
184 said proposal shall be sent to the legislators representing said  
185 participating municipalities.

186 (c) (1) A regional council of governments or an economic  
187 development district shall submit each proposal in the form and  
188 manner the secretary prescribes and shall, at a minimum, provide the  
189 following information for each proposal: (A) Service description; (B)  
190 the explanation of the need for such service; (C) the method of  
191 delivering such service on a regional basis; (D) the organization that  
192 would be responsible for regional service delivery; (E) a description of  
193 the population that would be served; (F) the manner in which regional  
194 service delivery will achieve economies of scale; (G) the amount by  
195 which participating municipalities will reduce their mill rates as a  
196 result of savings realized; (H) a cost benefit analysis for the provision  
197 of the service by each participating municipality and by the entity  
198 submitting the proposal; (I) a plan of implementation for delivery of  
199 the service on a regional basis; (J) a resolution endorsing such proposal  
200 approved by the legislative body of each participating municipality;  
201 and (K) an explanation of the potential legal obstacles, if any, to the  
202 regional provision of the service.

203 (2) The secretary shall review each proposal and shall award grants  
204 for proposals the secretary determines best meet the requirements of  
205 this section. In awarding such grants, the secretary shall give priority  
206 to a proposal submitted by (A) any entity specified in subsection (a) of  
207 this section that includes participation of all of the member  
208 municipalities of such entity, and which may increase the purchasing  
209 power of participating municipalities or provide a cost savings  
210 initiative resulting in a decrease in expenses of such municipalities,  
211 allowing such municipalities to lower property taxes, and (B) any  
212 economic development district.

213 (d) On or before December 31, 2013, and annually thereafter, in  
214 addition to any proposal submitted pursuant to this section, any  
215 municipality or regional council of governments may apply to the  
216 secretary for a grant to fund: (1) Operating costs associated with  
217 connecting to the state-wide high speed, flexible network developed  
218 pursuant to section 4d-80, including the costs to connect at the same  
219 rate as other government entities served by such network; and (2)  
220 capital cost associated with connecting to such network, including  
221 expenses associated with building out the internal fiber network  
222 connections required to connect to such network, provided the  
223 secretary shall make any such grant available in accordance with the  
224 two-year schedule by which the Bureau of Enterprise Systems and  
225 Technology recommends connecting each municipality and regional  
226 council of governments to such network. Any municipality or regional  
227 council of governments shall submit each application in the form and  
228 manner the secretary prescribes.

229 (e) On or before December 31, 2015, and annually thereafter, any  
230 two or more municipalities establishing a regional emergency  
231 telecommunications center or multitown public safety answering point  
232 may apply to the secretary for a grant to fund operating costs  
233 associated with transitioning an existing public safety answering point  
234 to a regional emergency telecommunications center or multitown  
235 public safety answering point. Such municipalities shall submit such

236 application in such form and manner as the secretary prescribes.

237 [(e)] (f) The secretary shall submit to the Governor and the joint  
238 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
239 matters relating to finance, revenue and bonding a report on the grants  
240 provided pursuant to this section. Each such report shall include  
241 information on the amount of each grant, and the potential of each  
242 grant for leveraging other public and private investments. The  
243 secretary shall submit a report for the fiscal year commencing July 1,  
244 2011, not later than February 1, 2012, and shall submit a report for each  
245 subsequent fiscal year not later than the first day of March in such  
246 fiscal year. Such reports shall include the property tax reductions  
247 achieved by means of the program established pursuant to this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>January 1, 2020</i>	28-24
Sec. 2	<i>January 1, 2020</i>	28-30a(a)
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	4-124s

**Statement of Purpose:**

To provide funding through the regional performance incentive program to municipalities who have formed a regional emergency telecommunications center or multitown public safety answering point.

*[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.]*