



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 381**

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Substitute House Bill No. 6302

*House of Representatives, April 12, 2021*

The Committee on Public Safety and Security reported through REP. HORN of the 64th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

## ***AN ACT STUDYING THE CONSOLIDATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINTS.***

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Not later than September 1, 2021,  
2 the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection, or the  
3 commissioner's designee, shall convene a working group to (1) examine  
4 the current system of public safety answering points in the state, (2)  
5 develop a plan to consolidate public safety answering points that are  
6 responsible for receiving and processing 9-1-1 calls for one municipality  
7 and either serve a population of less than forty thousand, as determined  
8 by the most recent population estimated by the Department of Public  
9 Health, or receive and process less than twelve thousand 9-1-1 calls on  
10 an annual basis, and (3) make recommendations for consolidating such  
11 answering points while prioritizing the need to ensure public safety.

12 (b) The working group shall consist of the following members, who  
13 shall be appointed by the commissioner, or the commissioner's  
14 designee, not later than sixty days after the effective date of this section:

15 Representatives from regional emergency telecommunications centers,  
 16 multitown public safety answering points, public safety answering  
 17 points, labor organizations representing employees of public safety  
 18 answering points, and small and large municipalities, police chiefs and  
 19 fire chiefs, the director of the Division of State-Wide Emergency  
 20 Telecommunications within the Department of Emergency Services and  
 21 Public Protection, or the director's designee, and any other person  
 22 invited by the commissioner to be a member of the working group.

23 (c) The commissioner shall submit, in accordance with the provisions  
 24 of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee  
 25 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public  
 26 safety and security: (1) An interim report on the findings, plan and  
 27 recommendations of the working group not later February 1, 2022, and  
 28 (2) a final report on the findings, plan and recommendations of the  
 29 working group not later than January 1, 2023. The working group shall  
 30 terminate on the date that the commissioner submits such final report  
 31 or January 1, 2023, whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

**Statement of Legislative Commissioners:**

In Subsec. (b), ", or the commissioner's designee," was added for accuracy.

**PS**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

The bill requires the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) to convene a working group regarding the consolidation of public safety answering points resulting in no fiscal impact because DESPP has the expertise to meet the requirements of the bill.

**The Out Years**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:** None



**OLR Bill Analysis**

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**SUMMARY**

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

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