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This act imposes an additional duty on persons who report hazardous substance releases to the state emergency response center. The new duty arises when the emergency call center directs the caller also to contact the caller's local 911 emergency dispatch center. Failure of a caller to fulfill the new reporting requirement subjects the caller to felony penalties. The act provides guidelines as to when the emergency call center should direct a caller to also contact the local 911 emergency dispatch center. If the call center does not direct the caller to dial 911, the call center is obligated to notify local fire or police of the situation within 24 hours of receiving the call. The act also exempts employees of the state's emergency response centers from criminal penalties.