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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

This bill contains a variety of technical and policy changes to the laws governing the 911 and ARMER radio systems. The changes are focused on incorporating technological advancements in communication devices into the applicable statutes and expanding and updating the authority of the Statewide Radio Board.

- 1 Definitions.** For purposes of the 911 emergency and public safety communications chapter (403), the bill amends the definitions of the following terms: automatic location identification or ALI; callback number; emergency location identification number; enhanced 911 service (E911); metropolitan area; 911 service; 911 service provider; public safety agency; public safety answering point (PSAP); and secondary public safety answering point.

Adds definitions of the following terms: request for emergency assistance (RFEA); caller; open systems intercommunication model for interconnection (OSI); AIP; ASP; ISP; origination service; origination service provider; origination network; termination network; emergency services IP network (ESInet); master street address guide (MSAG); national emergency number association (NENA); and next generation 911 (NG911).

Deletes the following terms: governmental agency; local location identification.

- 2 911 Service required.** Clarifies the law governing the provision of 911 services to reflect changes in terminology, policy, and technology. Requires that nondialing methods of accessing 911 service (e.g., smartphones) must be approved by the Commissioner of Public Safety.
- 3 Services to be provided.** Clarifies which 911 services must be provided.
- 4 Service operation and maintenance.** Clarifies and updates the statute governing operation and maintenance requirements for entities that operate PSAPs
- 5 Commissioner's duties.** Clarifies the commissioner's duties related to the 911 system.
- 6 Standards established; data privacy.** Clarifies standards for the 911 system and data privacy.

- 7        **Origination service providers; responsibilities.** Modifies the responsibilities for origination service providers.
- 8        **Commission authority.** Technical.
- 9        **Cooperative agreement.** Technical.
- 10       **Cost accounting requirements; fee.** Modifies the language governing the assessment, collection, and disbursement of the 911 fee. The fee is NOT changed.
- 11       **911 Service costs; fee.** Makes technical changes to the enhanced 911 statute.
- 12       **Multiline telephone system 911 requirements.** Technical.
- 13       **Statewide radio board.** Redefines the term "statewide radio board."
- 14       **Allied radio matrix for emergency response (ARMER).** Redefines ARMER.
- 15       **Regional radio board.** Makes the definition of regional radio board more flexible.
- 16       **General.** States that the Statewide Radio Board is responsible for the ARMER system.
- 17       **Statewide ARMER integration.** Technical.
- 18       **Statewide emergency communication board.** Authorizes the Statewide Radio Board to elect to become a Statewide Emergency Communication Board.
- 19       **Regional radio boards.** Authorizes regional radio boards to include Indian tribes. Expands the scope of regional radio boards.
- 20       **Regional emergency communications boards.** Authorizes Regional Radio Boards to elect to become Regional Emergency Communication Boards.
- 21       **Topical advisory committees.** Authorizes the Statewide Radio Board to establish advisory groups to assist with the interoperable public safety communication system.
- 22       **Repealer.** Repeals the definition of "NPSPAC channels" and an obsolete statute on local planning of public safety radio subsystems.