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SENATE BILL NO. 107
(By Senators Holliday & Claypole)

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AN ACT to amend and reenact section five, article six, chapter twenty-four of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to local emergency telephone systems; requiring the successful completion of a nationally recognized forty-hour training course for dispatchers; and requiring each affected county or municipality to appoint an enhanced emergency telephone system advisory committee to monitor the operation of the system.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section five, article six, chapter twenty-four of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE 6. LOCAL EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM.
§24-6-5. Enhanced emergency telephone system requirements.

1 (a) An enhanced emergency telephone system, at a minimum, shall provide that:
(1) All the territory in the county, including every municipal corporation in the county, which is served by telephone company central office equipment that will permit such a system to be established shall be included in the system;

(2) Every emergency service provider that provides emergency service within the territory of a county participate in the system;

(3) Each county answering point be operated constantly;

(4) Each emergency service provider participating in the system maintain a telephone number in addition to the one provided for in the system; and

(5) If the county answering point personnel reasonably determine that a call is not an emergency, the personnel provide the caller with the number of the appropriate emergency service provider.

(b) To the extent possible, enhanced emergency telephone systems shall be centralized.

(c) In developing an enhanced emergency telephone system, the county commission or the department of public safety shall seek the advice of both the telephone companies providing local exchange service within the county and the local emergency providers.

(d) As a condition of continued employment, persons employed to dispatch emergency calls shall successfully complete a forty-hour nationally recognized training course for dispatchers within one year of the date of their employment; except that persons employed to dispatch emergency calls prior to the effective date of this subsection, as a condition of continuing employment, shall successfully complete such a course not later than the first day of July, one thousand nine hundred ninety-five.

(e) Each county or municipality shall appoint for each
answering point an enhanced emergency telephone
system advisory board consisting of at least six members
to monitor the operation of the system. The board shall
be appointed by the county or municipality, and shall
include at least one member from affected fire service
providers, law-enforcement providers, emergency
medical providers and emergency services providers
participating in the system and at least one member
from the county or municipality. The board may make
recommendations to the county or municipality
concerning the operation of the system.

In addition, the director of the county or municipal
enhanced telephone system shall serve as an ex-officio
member of the advisory board. The initial advisory
board shall serve staggered terms of one, two and three
years. The initial terms of these appointees shall
commence on the first day of July, one thousand nine
hundred ninety-four. All future appointments shall be
for terms of three years, except that an appointment to
fill a vacancy shall be for the unexpired term. All
members shall serve without compensation. The board
shall adopt such policies, rules and regulations as are
necessary for its own guidance. The board shall meet
monthly on the day of each month which the board may
designate. The board may make recommendations to the
county or municipality concerning the operation of the
system.

(f) Any advisory board established prior to the first
day of January, one thousand nine hundred ninety-four,
shall have three years to meet the criteria of subsection
(e) of this section.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman Senate Committee

Ernest C. Moore
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

To take effect July 1, 1994.

Clerk of the Senate

Donald L. Hoy
Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Speaker House of Delegates

The within is approved this the 30th day of ........., 1994.

Governor