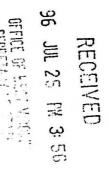


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(BY MR. SPEAKER, MR. CHAMBERS, AND DELEGATE ASHLEY) [By Request of the Executive]

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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 the requirements for an enhanced emergency telephone system; and describing the territory which may be included in an enhanced emergency telephone 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 2 minimum, shall provide that:
- 3 (1) All the territory in the county, including every 4 municipal corporation in the county, which is served by 5 telephone company central office equipment that will permit such a system to be established shall be included in 6 7 the system: Provided, That if a portion of the county or a 8 portion of a municipal corporation within the county is already being served by an enhanced emergency tele-9 phone system, that portion of the county or municipality 10 11 may be excluded from the county enhanced emergency telephone system; 12

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13 (2) Every emergency service provider that provides
14 emergency service within the territory of a county partici15 pate in the system;

16 (3) Each county answering point be operated con-17 stantly;

18 (4) Each emergency service provider participating in
19 the system maintain a telephone number in addition to the
20 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 tele-phone systems shall be centralized.

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

32 (d) As a condition of continued employment, persons 33 employed to dispatch emergency calls shall successfully 34 complete a forty-hour nationally recognized training 35 course for dispatchers within one year of the date of their 36 employment; except that persons employed to dispatch 37 emergency calls prior to the effective date of this subsec-38 tion, as a condition of continuing employment, shall suc-39 cessfully complete such a course not later than the first 40 day of July, one thousand nine hundred ninety-five.

41 (e) Each county or municipality shall appoint for each 42 answering point an enhanced emergency telephone system 43 advisory board consisting of at least six members to moni-44 tor the operation of the system. The board shall be ap-45 pointed by the county or municipality and shall include at 46 least one member from affected fire service providers, 47 law-enforcement providers, emergency medical providers 48 and emergency services providers participating in the 49 system and at least one member from the county or mu-50 nicipality. The board may make recommendations to the

51 county or municipality concerning the operation of the 52 system.

53 In addition, the director of the county or municipal 54 enhanced telephone system shall serve as an ex officio member of the advisory board. The initial advisory board 55 56. shall serve staggered terms of one, two and three years. 57 The initial terms of these appointees shall commence on 58 the first day of July, one thousand nine hundred 59 ninety-four. All future appointments shall be for terms of 60 three years, except that an appointment to fill a vacancy 61 shall be for the unexpired term. All members shall serve 62 without compensation. The board shall adopt such poli-63 cies, rules and regulations as are necessary for its own 64 guidance. The board shall meet monthly on the day of 65 each month which the board may designate. The board 66 may make recommendations to the county or municipali-67 ty concerning the operation of the system.

68 (f) Any advisory board established prior to the first
69 day of January, one thousand nine hundred ninety-four,
70 shall have three years to meet the criteria of subsection (e)
71 of this section.

72 (g) Nothing herein contained shall be construed to 73 prohibit or discourage in any way the establishment of 74 multijurisdictional or regional systems, or multijurisdic-75 tional or regional agreements for the establishment of 76 enhanced emergency telephone systems, and any system 77 established pursuant to this article may include the territo-78 ry of more than one public agency, or may include only a 79 portion of the territory of a public agency.

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The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

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