



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6302

January Session, 2021



**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.*