

SENATE BILL No. 158

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 36-8-16.8.

Synopsis: Public safety telecommunicators. Requires a public safety telecommunicator to successfully complete certain minimum basic training requirements and to annually complete 24 hours of continuing education.

Effective: Upon passage.

Crider

January 4, 2022, read first time and referred to Committee on Homeland Security and Transportation.



Second Regular Session of the 122nd General Assembly (2022)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2021 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

SENATE BILL No. 158

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning local government.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 36-8-16.8 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 UPON PASSAGE]:

4 **Chapter 16.8. Public Safety Telecommunicator Training**

5 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "board" means the statewide 911**
6 **board established by IC 36-8-16.7-24.**

7 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "public safety agency" has the**
8 **meaning set forth in IC 10-10.5-1-5.**

9 **Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "public safety**
10 **telecommunicator" has the meaning set forth in IC 10-10.5-1-6.**

11 **Sec. 4. (a) The board shall establish minimum basic training**
12 **requirements that meet or exceed the National Highway Traffic**
13 **Safety Administration recommended 911 minimum training**
14 **guidelines.**

15 **(b) The board shall establish criteria for certifying and**
16 **credentialing a public safety telecommunicator who completes a**
17 **minimum basic training program meeting the requirements**



1 established under this section.

2 **Sec. 5. (a) The board shall require each public safety**
3 **telecommunicator to complete twenty-four (24) hours of continuing**
4 **education training in each calendar year beginning after December**
5 **31 of the calendar year in which the public safety**
6 **telecommunicator completes a minimum basic training program**
7 **meeting the requirements established under section 4 of this**
8 **chapter.**

9 **(b) The board may approve continuing education programs**
10 **offered by public safety agencies and providers other than the**
11 **board.**

12 **(c) A public safety agency or other provider of a continuing**
13 **education program shall report and count an individual's**
14 **completion of any approved program towards the individual's**
15 **satisfaction of the annual requirement.**

16 **Sec. 6. After December 31, 2023, an individual may not work as**
17 **a public safety telecommunicator unless the individual has**
18 **completed the minimum basic training requirements established by**
19 **the board under section 4 of this chapter.**

20 **Sec. 7. A public safety telecommunicator must satisfy the**
21 **continuing education requirement imposed by the board under**
22 **section 5 of this chapter to remain eligible to work as a public**
23 **safety telecommunicator. Each year a public safety agency shall**
24 **report to the board the name of each public safety**
25 **telecommunicator employed by the public safety agency who**
26 **completes the twenty-four (24) hours of continuing education**
27 **required for that calendar year.**

28 **Sec. 8. Minimum basic training requirements established by the**
29 **board before July 1, 2022, are legalized and validated. A public**
30 **safety telecommunicator who has completed minimum basic**
31 **training requirements legalized and validated by this section is**
32 **considered to have complied with the requirements of section 6 of**
33 **this chapter. The public safety telecommunicator is subject to the**
34 **continuing education requirements of section 5 of this chapter**
35 **beginning January 1, 2024.**

36 **Sec. 9. The board shall establish procedures and employ**
37 **personnel as necessary to administer this chapter. The board may**
38 **adopt rules under IC 4-22-2, including emergency rules in the**
39 **manner provided under IC 4-22-2-37.1, to implement and**
40 **administer this chapter.**

41 **SECTION 2. An emergency is declared for this act.**

