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ENGROSSED

SENATE BILL No. 158

DIGEST OF SB 158 (Updated February 8, 2022 9:34 am - DI 116)

Citations Affected: IC 36-8.

Synopsis: Public safety telecommunicators. Provides that each unit shall establish certain basic training requirements and continuing education requirements for public safety telecommunicators. Provides that costs associated with basic training requirements are considered operating expenses of the statewide 911 system. Permits a public safety agency to seek reimbursement from the board for certain training expenses. Requires PSAP's to annually report continuing education requirements for public safety telecommunicators to the board.

Effective: Upon passage.

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(HOUSE SPONSORS — FRYE R, ANDRADE, OLTHOFF)

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

January 18, 2022, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.

January 20, 2022, read second time, amended, ordered engrossed.

January 21, 2022, engrossed.

January 24, 2022, read third time, passed. Yeas 47, nays 0.

HOUSE ACTION

January 31, 2022, read first time and referred to Committee on Veterans Affairs and Public Safety.

February 8, 2022, reported — Do Pass.

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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.

ENGROSSED 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 36-8-16.7-38, AS AMENDED BY P.L.181-2015,
2 SECTION 51, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 38. (a) A PSAP may use a distribution from
4 a county under this chapter only for the following:
5 (1) The lease, purchase, or maintenance of communications
6 service equipment.
7 (2) Necessary system hardware and software and data base
8 equipment.
9 (3) Personnel expenses, including wages, benefits, training, and
10 continuing education, only to the extent reasonable and necessary
11 for the provision and maintenance of:
12 (A) the statewide 911 system; or
13 (B) a wireline enhanced emergency telephone system funded
14 under IC 36-8-16 (before its repeal on July 1, 2012).
15 (4) Operational costs, including costs associated with:
16 (A) utilities;
17 (B) maintenance;

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- 1 (C) equipment designed to provide backup power or system
 2 redundancy, including generators; and
 3 (D) call logging equipment.
- 4 (5) An emergency notification system that is approved by the
 5 board under section 40 of this chapter.
- 6 (6) Connectivity to the Indiana data and communications system
 7 (IDACS).
- 8 (7) Rates associated with communications service providers'
 9 enhanced emergency communications system network services.
- 10 (8) Mobile radio equipment used by first responders, other than
 11 radio equipment purchased under subdivision (9) as a result of the
 12 narrow banding requirements specified by the Federal
 13 Communications Commission.
- 14 (9) Up to fifty percent (50%) of the costs associated with the
 15 narrow banding or replacement of radios or other equipment as a
 16 result of the narrow banding requirements specified by the
 17 Federal Communications Commission.
- 18 (b) A PSAP may not use a distribution from a county under this
 19 chapter for the following:
- 20 (1) The construction, purchase, renovation, or furnishing of PSAP
 21 buildings.
- 22 (2) Vehicles.
- 23 (c) Not later than January 31 of each year, each PSAP shall submit
 24 to the board a report of the following:
- 25 (1) All expenditures made during the immediately preceding
 26 calendar year from distributions under this chapter.
- 27 (2) Call data and statistics for the immediately preceding calendar
 28 year, as specified by the board and collected in accordance with
 29 any reporting method established or required by the board.
- 30 (3) All costs associated with dispatching appropriate public safety
 31 agencies to respond to 911 calls received by the PSAP.
- 32 (4) All funding sources and amounts of funding used for costs
 33 described in subdivision (3).
- 34 **(5) Public safety telecommunicator continuing education**
 35 **requirements established under IC 36-8-16.8-8(a)(2).**
- 36 (d) The state board of accounts shall audit the expenditures of
 37 distributions under this chapter by each PSAP that receives
 38 distributions under this chapter. In conducting an audit under this
 39 subsection, the state board of accounts shall determine, in conjunction
 40 with the board, whether the expenditures made by each PSAP are in
 41 compliance with subsections (a) and (b). The board shall review and
 42 further audit any ineligible expenditure identified by the state board of



1 accounts under this subsection or through any other report. If the board
 2 verifies that the expenditure did not comply with this section, the board
 3 shall ensure that the fund is reimbursed in the dollar amount of the
 4 noncomplying expenditure from any source of funding, other than a
 5 fund described in subsection (e), that is available to the PSAP or to a
 6 unit in which the PSAP is located.

7 (e) A distribution under section 37(a)(2) of this chapter must be
 8 deposited by the treasurer of the county in a separate fund set aside for
 9 the purposes allowed by subsections (a) and (b). The fund must be
 10 known as the _____ (insert name of county) 911 fund. The county
 11 treasurer may invest money in the fund in the same manner that other
 12 money of the county may be invested, but income earned from the
 13 investment must be deposited in the fund set aside under this
 14 subsection.

15 (f) Not later than November 1 of each year, the board shall provide
 16 in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6 to the general assembly the
 17 information submitted under subsection (c)(3) and (c)(4).

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

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

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

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

26 **Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "PSAP" has the meaning set**
 27 **forth in IC 10-10.5-1-4.**

28 **Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "public safety**
 29 **telecommunicator" has the meaning set forth in IC 10-10.5-1-6.**

30 **Sec. 5. As used in this chapter, "unit" has the meaning set forth**
 31 **in IC 36-1-2-23.**

32 **Sec. 6. (a) A unit operating a PSAP shall establish a public safety**
 33 **telecommunicator basic training program for that PSAP by**
 34 **December 31, 2023. The minimum basic training program**
 35 **requirements must include the following:**

36 **(1) A basic forty (40) hour telecommunicator course.**

37 **(2) National Incident Management Systems courses including:**

38 **(A) IS-100, introduction to the incident command system.**

39 **(B) IS-200, basic incident command system for initial**
 40 **response.**

41 **(C) IS-700, introduction to the national incident**
 42 **management system.**



1 (3) A National Crime Information Center (NCIC) and an
2 Indiana Data and Communications System (IDACS) course.

3 (4) A telecommunicator cardiopulmonary resuscitation
4 (T-CPR) course, if the training under subsection (b) is not
5 provided.

6 (b) In addition to the requirements of subsection (a), the public
7 safety telecommunicator training program shall include emergency
8 medical, police, and fire dispatch protocol training for public safety
9 telecommunicators who perform those functions.

10 Sec. 7. A unit operating a PSAP shall establish procedures for
11 certifying and credentialing a public safety telecommunicator who
12 completes the requirements established under section 6 of this
13 chapter.

14 Sec. 8. (a) A unit operating a PSAP shall require each public
15 safety telecommunicator to:

16 (1) complete the unit's training program established under
17 section 6 of this chapter:

18 (A) within one (1) year of the date of the program's
19 implementation; or

20 (B) within one (1) year of the public safety
21 telecommunicator's date of hire; and

22 (2) beginning on January 1, 2024, complete twenty-four (24)
23 hours of continuing education training, which may include
24 recertification, in each calendar year beginning after
25 December 31 of the calendar year in which the public safety
26 telecommunicator completes the minimum basic training
27 requirements established under section 6 of this chapter.

28 (b) A unit shall approve continuing education courses that are
29 eligible to meet the annual requirement in subsection (a)(2).

30 (c) A unit shall record the completion of an approved continuing
31 education course and count it towards a public safety
32 telecommunicator's satisfaction of the annual requirement in
33 subsection (a)(2). A unit shall also record the name of each public
34 safety telecommunicator who completes the annual requirement in
35 subsection (a)(2) and provide that information to the board as part
36 of the annual data collection described in IC 36-8-16.7-38.

37 Sec. 9. Subject to section 8 of this chapter, after December 31,
38 2023, an individual may not work as a public safety
39 telecommunicator for a unit unless the individual has completed
40 the unit's training program established under section 6 of this
41 chapter.

42 Sec. 10. A public safety telecommunicator must satisfy the



1 continuing education requirement imposed under section 8(a)(2) of
2 this chapter to remain eligible to work as a public safety
3 telecommunicator.

4 Sec. 11. (a) The costs associated with the basic training courses
5 described in section 6 of this chapter are considered operating
6 expenses of the statewide 911 system under IC 36-8-16.7-37 and are
7 eligible for reimbursement by the board.

8 (b) A public safety agency that employs full-time or part-time
9 public safety telecommunicators is eligible for reimbursement of
10 the costs associated with the basic training courses described in
11 section 6 of this chapter.

12 (c) The board shall establish a process for providing
13 reimbursement for costs described under subsection (b).

14 SECTION 3. An emergency is declared for this act.



COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Transportation, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 158, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Page 1, between lines 8 and 9 begin a new paragraph and insert:

"Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "PSAP" has the meaning set forth in IC 10-10.5-1-4."

Page 1, line 9, delete "Sec. 3." and insert "Sec. 4."

Page 1, between lines 10 and 11, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"Sec. 5. As used in this chapter, "unit" has the meaning set forth in IC 36-1-2-23."

Page 1, delete lines 11 through 17, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"Sec. 6. (a) A unit operating a PSAP shall establish a public safety telecommunicator basic training program for that PSAP by December 31, 2023. The minimum basic training program requirements must include:

- (1) A basic forty (40) hour telecommunicator course.**
- (2) National Incident Management Systems courses including:**
 - (A) IS-100, introduction to the incident command system.**
 - (B) IS-200, basic incident command system for initial response.**
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- (3) A National Crime Information Center (NCIC) and Indiana Data and Communications System (IDACS) course.**
- (4) A telecommunicator cardiopulmonary resuscitation (T-CPR) course, if the training under subsection (b) is not provided.**

(b) In addition to the requirements of subsection (a), the public safety telecommunicator training program shall include emergency medical, police, and fire dispatch protocol training for public safety telecommunicators who perform those functions.

Sec. 7. A unit operating a PSAP shall establish procedures for certifying and credentialing a public safety telecommunicator who completes the requirements established under section 6 of this chapter.

Sec. 8. (a) A unit operating a PSAP shall require each public safety telecommunicator to:

- (1) complete the unit's training program established under**



section 6 of this chapter:

(A) within one (1) year of the date of the program's implementation; or

(B) within one (1) year of the public safety telecommunicator's date of hire; and

(2) beginning on January 1, 2024, complete twenty-four (24) hours of continuing education training, which may include recertification, in each calendar year beginning after December 31 of the calendar year in which the public safety telecommunicator completes the minimum basic training requirements established under section 6 of this chapter.

(b) A unit shall approve continuing education courses that are eligible to meet the annual requirement in subsection (a)(2).

(c) A unit shall record the completion of an approved continuing education course and count it towards a public safety telecommunicator's satisfaction of the annual requirement in subsection (a)(2). A unit shall also record the name of each public safety telecommunicator who completes the annual requirement in subsection (a)(2) and provide that information to the board as part of the annual data collection described in IC 36-8-16.7-38.

Sec. 9. Subject to section 8 of this chapter, after December 31, 2023, an individual may not work as a public safety telecommunicator for a unit unless the individual has completed the unit's training program established under section 6 of this chapter.

Sec. 10. A public safety telecommunicator must satisfy the continuing education requirement imposed under section 8(a)(2) of this chapter to remain eligible to work as a public safety telecommunicator.

Sec. 11. (a) The costs associated with the basic training courses described in section 6 of this chapter are considered operating expenses of the statewide 911 system under IC 36-8-16.7-37 and are eligible for reimbursement by the board.

(b) A public safety agency that employs full or part time public safety telecommunicators is eligible for reimbursement of the costs associated with the basic training courses described in section 6 of this chapter.

(c) The board shall establish a process for providing reimbursement for costs described under subsection (b)."

Page 2, delete lines 1 through 40.

Page 2, between lines 40 and 41, begin a new paragraph and insert:
"SECTION 2. IC 36-8-16.7-38, AS AMENDED BY P.L.181-2015,



SECTION 51, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 38. (a) A PSAP may use a distribution from a county under this chapter only for the following:

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 - (A) the statewide 911 system; or
 - (B) a wireline enhanced emergency telephone system funded under IC 36-8-16 (before its repeal on July 1, 2012).
- (4) Operational costs, including costs associated with:
 - (A) utilities;
 - (B) maintenance;
 - (C) equipment designed to provide backup power or system redundancy, including generators; and
 - (D) call logging equipment.
- (5) An emergency notification system that is approved by the board under section 40 of this chapter.
- (6) Connectivity to the Indiana data and communications system (IDACS).
- (7) Rates associated with communications service providers' enhanced emergency communications system network services.
- (8) Mobile radio equipment used by first responders, other than radio equipment purchased under subdivision (9) as a result of the narrow banding requirements specified by the Federal Communications Commission.
- (9) Up to fifty percent (50%) of the costs associated with the narrow banding or replacement of radios or other equipment as a result of the narrow banding requirements specified by the Federal Communications Commission.

(b) A PSAP may not use a distribution from a county under this chapter for the following:

- (1) The construction, purchase, renovation, or furnishing of PSAP buildings.
- (2) Vehicles.

(c) Not later than January 31 of each year, each PSAP shall submit to the board a report of the following:

- (1) All expenditures made during the immediately preceding calendar year from distributions under this chapter.

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(2) Call data and statistics for the immediately preceding calendar year, as specified by the board and collected in accordance with any reporting method established or required by the board.

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(e) A distribution under section 37(a)(2) of this chapter must be deposited by the treasurer of the county in a separate fund set aside for the purposes allowed by subsections (a) and (b). The fund must be known as the _____ (insert name of county) 911 fund. The county treasurer may invest money in the fund in the same manner that other money of the county may be invested, but income earned from the investment must be deposited in the fund set aside under this subsection.

(f) Not later than November 1 of each year, the board shall provide in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6 to the general assembly the information submitted under subsection (c)(3) and (c)(4)."

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 158 as introduced.)

CRIDER, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0.

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SENATE MOTION

Madam President: I move that Senate Bill 158 be amended to read as follows:

Page 1, between the enacting clause and line 1, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 1. IC 36-8-16.7-38, AS AMENDED BY P.L.181-2015, SECTION 51, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 38. (a) A PSAP may use a distribution from a county under this chapter only for the following:

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(d) The state board of accounts shall audit the expenditures of distributions under this chapter by each PSAP that receives distributions under this chapter. In conducting an audit under this subsection, the state board of accounts shall determine, in conjunction with the board, whether the expenditures made by each PSAP are in compliance with subsections (a) and (b). The board shall review and further audit any ineligible expenditure identified by the state board of accounts under this subsection or through any other report. If the board verifies that the expenditure did not comply with this section, the board shall ensure that the fund is reimbursed in the dollar amount of the noncomplying expenditure from any source of funding, other than a fund described in subsection (e), that is available to the PSAP or to a unit in which the PSAP is located.

(e) A distribution under section 37(a)(2) of this chapter must be deposited by the treasurer of the county in a separate fund set aside for the purposes allowed by subsections (a) and (b). The fund must be known as the _____ (insert name of county) 911 fund. The county treasurer may invest money in the fund in the same manner that other money of the county may be invested, but income earned from the investment must be deposited in the fund set aside under this subsection.

(f) Not later than November 1 of each year, the board shall provide in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6 to the general assembly the information submitted under subsection (c)(3) and (c)(4)."

Page 2, line 1, delete "include:" and insert "**include the following:**".

Page 2, line 7, delete "an".



Page 2, line 9, after "and" insert "**an**".

Page 3, line 16, delete "full or part time" and insert "**full-time or part-time**".

Page 3, delete lines 22 through 42.

Delete page 4.

Page 5, delete lines 1 through 13.

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

(Reference is to SB 158 as printed January 19, 2022.)

CRIDER

COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Veterans Affairs and Public Safety, to which was referred Senate Bill 158, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 158 as reprinted January 21, 2022.)

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Committee Vote: Yeas 11, Nays 0

