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SENATE ENROLLED ACT No. 158

AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning local government.

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

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:

- (1) The lease, purchase, or maintenance of communications service equipment.
- (2) Necessary system hardware and software and data base equipment.
- (3) Personnel expenses, including wages, benefits, training, and continuing education, only to the extent reasonable and necessary for the provision and maintenance of:
 - (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.

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(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.

(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.

(3) All costs associated with dispatching appropriate public safety agencies to respond to 911 calls received by the PSAP.

(4) All funding sources and amounts of funding used for costs described in subdivision (3).

(5) Public safety telecommunicator continuing education requirements established under IC 36-8-16.8-8(a)(2).

(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).

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

Chapter 16.8. Public Safety Telecommunicator Training

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

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

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

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

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

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 the following:

- (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.**
 - (C) IS-700, introduction to the national incident management system.**
- (3) A National Crime Information Center (NCIC) and an 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-time 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).

SECTION 3. An emergency is declared for this act.



President of the Senate

President Pro Tempore

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Governor of the State of Indiana

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