

CHAPTER 49
(HB 528)

AN ACT relating to public safety.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

➔Section 1. KRS 65.7631 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) The moneys in the CMRS fund shall be apportioned among the approved uses of the fund as specified in this section. The board shall make individual disbursements from the fund upon such terms and conditions necessary in view of the amount of revenues on deposit at the time each request for disbursement is reviewed and approved.
- (2) Not more than two and one-half percent (2.5%) of the total monthly revenues deposited into the CMRS fund shall be disbursed or reserved for disbursement by the board to pay the administrative costs and expenses incurred in the operation of the board in carrying out the functions and duties set forth in KRS 65.7621 to 65.7643.
- (3)
 - (a) Prior to August 1, 2022, two and one-half percent (2.5%) of the total monthly revenues deposited into the CMRS fund shall be used solely for the purpose of establishing or maintaining statewide 911 initiatives to assist with the adoption and operation of next generation 911 services and applications. Fund disbursements shall be limited to equipment, hardware, software, or contracted services used in the preparation for, or delivery of, next generation 911 systems and services.
 - (b) On and after August 1, 2022, and before July 1, ~~2025~~~~2024~~, the rate shall be five percent (5%).
 - (c) On and after July 1, ~~2025~~~~2024~~, the rate shall be two and one-half percent (2.5%).
- (4)
 - (a) Prior to August 1, 2022, ten percent (10%) of the total monthly revenues deposited into the CMRS fund shall be disbursed or reserved for disbursement to provide direct grants, matching money, or funds to PSAPs as determined by the Kentucky 911 Services Board:
 1. For the establishment and improvement of 911 services in the Commonwealth, including the implementation of next generation 911 capacity;
 2. For incentives to create more efficient delivery of 911 services by local governments receiving funding under subsection (5) of this section; and
 3. For consolidation reimbursement of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) per PSAP, not to exceed four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) per county, to any PSAP that consolidates with a CMRS-certified PSAP, or creates a newly consolidated Phase II compliant PSAP. Funds shall be applied toward the cost of consolidating. If a PSAP consolidates and receives reimbursement, the Kentucky 911 Services Board shall not certify a new PSAP within the same county for a period of ten (10) years.
 - (b) On and after August 1, 2022, and before July 1, ~~2025~~~~2024~~, the rate shall be seven and one-half percent (7.5%).
 - (c) On and after July 1, ~~2025~~~~2024~~, the rate shall be ten percent (10%).

When the balance of money collected under this subsection and not yet obligated for permitted uses exceeds **three million dollars (\$3,000,000)**~~two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000)~~ in any fiscal year, the excess amount shall be allocated under subsection (5) of this section.
- (5) The balance of the total monthly revenues deposited into the CMRS fund after the amounts disbursed or reserved for disbursement under subsections (2), (3), and (4) of this section have been subtracted shall be distributed to PSAPs eligible to receive disbursement from the CMRS fund under subsection (6) of this section who actually request disbursement, as follows:
 - (a) Fifty percent (50%) of the remaining balance to be allocated under this subsection shall be distributed according to the "PSAP pro rata formula," whereby each state police dispatch center that previously qualified for PSAP pro rata formula funding under subsection (6)(a)2.a. of this section but subsequently qualifies under subsection (6)(a)2.b. of this section receives a percentage determined by dividing one-

half (1/2) by the total number of PSAPs eligible to request and actually requesting disbursements under subsection (6) of this section. The remaining balance to be allocated under this subsection shall be distributed to all remaining qualifying PSAPs equally. Any PSAPs certified before January 1, 2004, or for more than three (3) years, that choose to consolidate their operations shall continue to receive pro-rata shares as if they remained separate and distinct entities. The consolidated entity must be certified to receive funds under subsection (6) of this section; and

- (b) Fifty percent (50%) of the remaining balance to be allocated under this subsection shall be distributed according to a method chosen by the board and based on the wireless workload of the PSAP. Methods to be considered may be based on the number of wireless 911 calls answered by each PSAP, the number of wireless phone users served by each PSAP, or any other method deemed by the board to be reasonable and equitable. The method chosen by the board shall be promulgated as a regulation under KRS 65.7633.

All amounts distributed to PSAPs under this subsection shall be used by the PSAPs solely for the purposes of answering, routing, and properly disposing of 911 calls, training PSAP staff, and public education concerning appropriate use of 911, in accordance with KRS 65.760(4) and (5). Additionally, amounts distributed to PSAPs under this subsection may be used for the purposes of complying with the wireless E911 service requirements established by the FCC order and any rules and regulations which are or may be adopted by the Federal Communications Commission pursuant to the FCC order, including the payment of costs and expenses incurred in designing, upgrading, purchasing, leasing, programming, testing, installing, or maintaining all necessary data, hardware, and software required in order to provide wireless E911 service.

- (6) (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of the law, no PSAP shall be eligible to request or receive a disbursement from the CMRS fund under subsection (4)(a) or (b) or (5) of this section unless and until the PSAP:
 1. Is expressly certified as a PSAP by the Kentucky 911 Services Board, upon written application to the board;
 2. Demonstrates that the PSAP is:
 - a. Providing E911 services to a local government that has adopted an ordinance either imposing a special tax, license, or fee as authorized by KRS 65.760(3) or has established other means of funding wireline 911 emergency service; or
 - b. A state police dispatch center that actively serves as an alternate or backup PSAP for one (1) or more nonstate police PSAPs;
 3. Demonstrates that the administrator of the PSAP sent a request for wireless, E911 service to a CMRS provider, and that the infrastructure of the local exchange carrier will support wireless E911 service;
 4. Provides an accounting of the number of wireless E911 calls received by the PSAP during the prior calendar year if requested by the board;
 5. Demonstrates that the PSAP has made the investment which is necessary to allow the PSAP to receive and utilize the data elements associated with wireless E911 service; and
 6. Adopts and participates in, or provides a compatible service to, board-funded statewide next generation 911 projects, programs, and initiatives required to meet federal directives, and supports or implements next generation 911 emergency services Internet protocol networks, core services, and geographic information services components.
- (b) In addition to the requirements of paragraph (a) of this subsection and in order to encourage the additional consolidation of PSAPs by local governments and state government agencies, ~~after January 1, 2017,~~ a PSAP shall receive priority consideration for distributions of funds from subsection (4)(a) and (b) of this section as follows:
 1. A PSAP that is not a state police dispatch center and that covers all local governments within two (2) or more counties shall receive first priority in the distribution of the funds by the board;
 2. A PSAP, including any state police dispatch center, that covers all the local governments within a single county shall receive second priority in the distribution of the funds by the board; and

3. A PSAP, including any state police dispatch center, that does not cover all of the local governments within a single county shall receive the last priority for the distribution of the funds listed in this subsection by the board.

➔Section 2. KRS 241.170 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) The city administrator in each city of the first class or the administrator in a consolidated local government, and any investigators and clerks deemed necessary for the proper conduct of this office, shall be appointed by the mayor. The city administrator in each city of the first class or the administrator in a county containing a consolidated local government, and the administrator's investigators, shall have full police powers of peace officers, and their jurisdiction shall be coextensive with boundaries of the city of the first class or the boundaries of the county in a county containing a consolidated local government. They may inspect any premises where alcoholic beverages are manufactured, sold, stored, or otherwise trafficked in, without first obtaining a search warrant.
- (2) The city administrator in each city, other than a consolidated local government, ***and any investigators and clerks deemed necessary for the proper conduct of this office*** shall be appointed by the city manager if there is one. If there is no city manager, the city administrator ***and any investigators or clerks*** shall be appointed by the mayor. ***The jurisdiction of a city administrator appointed pursuant to this subsection shall be coextensive with the boundaries of the city, and the city administrator and the administrator's investigators shall have the same powers authorized under subsection (1) of this section.***
- (3) No person shall be an administrator, an investigator, or an employee of the city or a consolidated local government under the supervision of the administrator, who would be disqualified to be a member of the board under KRS 241.100.
- (4) Before entering upon official duties, each city administrator shall take the oath prescribed in Section 228 of the Constitution. An appointed city alcoholic beverage control administrator shall immediately notify the department of qualification and appointment.

Signed by Governor April 4, 2024.