

ASSEMBLY LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 587

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 2, 2022

The Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 587.

As reported by the committee, Assembly Bill No. 587 permits funds from the "9-1-1 System and Emergency Response Trust Fund Account" to be appropriated to pay certain 9-1-1 emergency services costs incurred by counties and municipalities and prioritizes the use of the funds.

Current law provides that funds in the trust fund account may be used for the following purposes:

(1) the costs incurred in the initial installation of the Statewide enhanced 9-1-1 network and for the costs incurred by a county for the employment of a county 9-1-1 coordinator in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 per county 9-1-1 coordinator as well as the installation, operation, and maintenance costs required to provide wireless enhanced 9-1-1 services;

(2) the costs of funding the State's capital equipment (including debt service), facilities, and operating expenses that arise from emergency response;

(3) the cost of emergency response training, including any related costs or expenses of the Office of Emergency Management in the Division of State Police in the Department of Law and Public Safety;

(4) the cost of operating the Office of Emergency Telecommunications Services;

(5) the cost of operating the Statewide Public Safety Communications Commission;

(6) any costs associated with implementing any requirement of the Federal Communications Commission concerning 9-1-1 service that is not otherwise allocated to a carrier and not eligible for reimbursement under law or regulation;

(7) any costs associated with planning, designing, or implementing an automatic location identification technology that is not otherwise allocated to a wireless carrier and not eligible for reimbursement under law or regulation; and

(8) any costs associated with planning, designing or acquiring replacement equipment or systems (including debt service) related to the enhanced 9-1-1 network.

The bill provides that funds in the trust fund account also may be allocated for costs incurred by counties and municipalities for the provision and maintenance of 9-1-1 emergency services including, but not limited to, costs associated with emergency response training, operating expenses, and capital expenses.

Finally, the bill requires funds to be distributed on a prioritized basis first to county, regionalized, or large centralized public safety answering points, followed by other local public safety answering points.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2022-2023 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.