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HOUSE BILL 1709

Short Title: Expand Use of 911 Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Edwards.

Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO CLARIFY AND EXPAND THE ALLOWED USES OF MONEY IN
3 THE EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM FUND FOR COMMUNICATIONS
4 NEEDS.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 SECTION 1. G.S. 62A-8 reads as rewritten:

7 "§ 62A-8. **Payments from Fund.**

8 (a) Money from the Emergency Telephone System Fund shall be used only to
9 pay for:

10 (1) The lease, purchase, or maintenance of emergency telephone and call
11 processing equipment, including base stations, dispatch consoles,
12 communications towers, and other equipment necessary for
13 communications and direct interoperability between police, fire,
14 rescue, and other emergency response units.

15 (2) The rates associated with the service supplier's 911 service and other
16 service supplier recurring charges.

17 (3) Necessary ~~necessary~~ computer hardware, software and database
18 provisioning, addressing, and nonrecurring costs of establishing and
19 upgrading a 911 system, and system.

20 (4) Mobile and portable radio equipment that meets the requirements for
21 direct interoperability of the Criminal Justice Information Network-
22 Voice Trunked Network.

23 (5) Mobile computers and wireless modems directly interoperable with the
24 Criminal Justice Information Network.

25 (b) The following expenses are not eligible for payment from the Fund:

26 (1) The ~~the~~ lease or purchase of real ~~estate, estate.~~

27 (2) Cosmetic ~~cosmetic~~-remodeling of emergency dispatch ~~centers, centers.~~

1 (3) Hiring hiring, training, and compensating dispatchers, and the
2 purchase of mobile communications vehicles, ambulances, fire
3 engines, or other emergency vehicles.

4 (c) A local government may contract with a service supplier for any term
5 negotiated by the service supplier and the local government and may make payments
6 from the Emergency Telephone System Fund to provide any payments required by the
7 contract.

8 (d) In order to maintain the efficiency of the emergency telephone system, cities
9 and counties with greater than 100,000 population shall be allowed to use up to fifty
10 percent (50%) of funds collected pursuant to this Article to establish a public service
11 and information telephone system. All expenditures of funds collected pursuant to this
12 Article for establishing a public service and information telephone system are subject to
13 the provisions of this section."

14 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 62A-7 reads as rewritten:

15 "**§ 62A-7. Emergency Telephone System Fund.**

16 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, theThe fiscal officer to
17 whom 911 charges are remitted under G.S. 62A-6 shall deposit ~~the~~ all charges in a
18 special revenue fund pursuant to G.S. 159-26(b)(2). The Fund shall be known as the
19 Emergency Telephone System Fund. The fiscal officer may invest money in the Fund in
20 the same manner that other money of the local government may be invested. The fiscal
21 officer shall deposit any income earned from such an investment in the Emergency
22 Telephone System Fund.

23 (b) The fiscal officer to whom 911 charges are remitted under G.S. 62A-6 shall
24 remit twenty percent (20%) of the charges, upon receipt, to the General Fund to be
25 appropriated only for uses permitted under G.S. 62A-8. Funds remitted pursuant to this
26 subsection shall not be subject to any charge amount limitation imposed in this
27 Article."

28 **SECTION 3.** Funds received by the General Assembly under Section 2 of
29 this act shall be appropriated to the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety to
30 be spent for the benefit of the State Highway Patrol only on uses permitted by G.S.
31 62A-8.

32 **SECTION 4.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2002, and applies to charges
33 billed on or after that date.
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