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SENATE BILL NO. 1163

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A *BILL to amend and reenact §§ 56-484.13 and 56-484.15 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the composition of the Wireless E-911 Services Board.*

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Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 56-484.13 and 56-484.15 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 56-484.13. Wireless E-911 Services Board; membership; terms; compensation.

A. The Wireless E-911 Services Board is hereby created. The Board shall plan, promote and offer assistance:

1. In the statewide development, deployment, and maintenance of enhanced wireless emergency telecommunications services and technologies; and

2. In the development and deployment of enhanced wireline emergency telecommunications services and technologies only in specific local jurisdictions that were not wireline E-911 capable by July 1, 2000.

The Board shall exercise the powers and duties conferred in this article.

B. The Wireless E-911 Services Board may promote and offer planning assistance:

1. In the statewide development, deployment, and maintenance of VoIP E-911 and any other future communications technologies accessing E-911 for emergency purposes;

2. To the Virginia Information Technologies Agency (VITA), and other stakeholder agencies, in the development and deployment of a statewide public safety network that will support future E-911 and other public safety applications; and

3. However, the Board shall seek funding from sources other than CMRS providers or customers of CMRS to support efforts that exceed the scope of wireless E-911 service.

C. The Board shall consist of 15 members as follows: ~~the Chief Information Officer~~ *the Director of the Virginia Department of Emergency Management*, who shall serve as chairman of the Board; the Comptroller, who shall serve as the treasurer of the Board; ~~the Chief Information Officer~~; and the following 13 ~~12~~ members to be appointed by the Governor: ~~one member representing the Virginia Department of Emergency Management~~, one member representing the Virginia State Police, one member representing a local exchange carrier providing E-911 service in Virginia, two members representing wireless service providers authorized to do business in Virginia, three county, city or town PSAP directors or managers representing diverse regions of Virginia, one Virginia sheriff, one chief of police, one fire chief, one emergency medical services manager, and one finance officer of a county, city, or town.

D. All members appointed by the Governor shall serve five-year terms. The CIO and the Comptroller shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office. No gubernatorial appointee shall serve more than two consecutive terms.

E. A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum. The Board shall meet at least quarterly or at the call of its chairman.

F. Members of the Board shall serve without compensation; however, members of the Board shall be reimbursed for expenses as provided in §§ 2.2-2813 through 2.2-2826.

G. The Division shall provide staff support to the Board. The Geographic Information Network Division created in § 2.2-2026 and the Virginia Department of Transportation shall provide such technical advice as the Board requires.

§ 56-484.15. Wireless Carrier E-911 Cost Recovery Subcommittee established.

A. There is hereby established a Wireless Carrier E-911 Cost Recovery Subcommittee of the Board. The Subcommittee shall (i) meet only to determine whether costs submitted by CMRS providers are reasonable and direct to the provision of wireless E-911 service and (ii) review only those documents necessary to determine whether costs submitted by CMRS providers are reasonable and direct to the provision of wireless E-911 service.

B. The Subcommittee shall consist of the following ~~seven~~ *eight* members from the Board: the representative of the Virginia State Police; the three PSAP directors or managers; the finance officer of a county, city or town; the CIO, ~~the Director of the Virginia Department of Emergency Management~~, who shall serve as the Subcommittee's chairman; and the Comptroller.

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59 C. Staff to the Subcommittee shall be provided by the Division of Public Safety Communications
60 created pursuant to § 2.2-2031.
61 D. Unless otherwise ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction, no member or staff of the
62 Subcommittee shall release or disclose the contents of documents used to determine whether costs
63 submitted by CMRS providers are reasonable and direct to the provision of wireless E-911 service.