

Department of Planning and Budget 2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB756

House of Origin	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Lingamfelter

3. Committee: Commerce and Labor

4. Title: E-1-1 Services Board.

5. Summary: Renames the E-911 Services Board as the 9-1-1 Services Board (“the Board”). The powers and duties of the Board are revised to authorize and direct it to (i) support and assist public safety answering points (PSAPs) in the provision of 9-1-1 operations and services; (ii) plan, promote, and assist in the statewide development, deployment, and maintenance of an emergency services IP network to support future 9-1-1 and other public safety applications and technologies; and (iii) consult and coordinate with other entities. The bill also defines "emergency services IP network" and "next generation 9-1-1 service." The legislation removes a requirement that the 9-1-1 Services Board seek funding from sources other than commercial mobile radio service (CMRS) providers or their customers to support efforts that exceed the scope of wireless E-911 services. The 9-1-1 Services Board is also required to develop or adopt and publish standards for an emergency services IP network and core next generation 9-1-1 services on that network to ensure that enhanced public safety telephone services seamlessly interoperate within the Commonwealth and with surrounding states. This version of the legislation adds a sixteenth member to the Board, who shall be a member representing VoIP service providers affiliated with cable companies authorized to transact business in Virginia.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes, technical language amendment. The “Wireless E-911 Services Board” is mentioned in budget language in Item 430. Should the Board be renamed, the budget language should be amended to align with the new title. Additionally, Item 429 mentions “E-911 wireless activities” which may be more narrowly defined activities than those under the provisions of this legislation.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: No state fiscal impact.

8. Fiscal Implications: The Virginia Information Technologies Agency (VITA) is responsible for providing staff support to the current E-911 Services Board. The agency indicates that the changes in the bill are updates which reflect completed initiatives and new technological developments in the provision of 9-1-1 services. VITA indicates that the staff currently supporting the E-911 Services Board is sufficient to support the new responsibilities of the Board.

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The substitute version of this legislation adds an additional member to the 9-1-1 Services Board. VITA indicates that this action will not create a fiscal impact.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: E-911 Services Board, Virginia Information Technologies Agency

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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