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Introduced by:
(PS)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE REGIONALIZATION OF CERTAIN
PUBLIC SAFETY EMERGENCY TELECOMMUNICATIONS CENTERS
AND A STUDY OF CONSOLIDATION.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 28-24 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2023*):

3 (a) For the purposes of this section:

4 (1) "Regional emergency telecommunications center" means any
5 entity authorized by the Department of Emergency Services and Public
6 Protection as a public safety answering point that is responsible for
7 receiving and processing 9-1-1 calls for at least three municipalities and
8 either serves a combined population of forty thousand or more, as
9 determined by the most recent population estimate by the Department
10 of Public Health, or receives and processes twelve thousand or more 9-
11 1-1 calls on an annual basis;

12 (2) "Multitown public safety answering point" means any entity
13 authorized by the Department of Emergency Services and Public
14 Protection as a public safety answering point that is responsible for

15 receiving and processing 9-1-1 calls for two municipalities and either
16 serves a combined population of forty thousand or more, as determined
17 by the most recent population estimate by the Department of Public
18 Health, or receives and processes twelve thousand or more 9-1-1 calls
19 on an annual basis; and

20 (3) "9-1-1 call" and "public safety answering point" have the same
21 meanings as provided in section 28-25.

22 [(a)] (b) There is established a Division of State-Wide Emergency
23 Telecommunications which shall be within the Department of
24 Emergency Services and Public Protection. The Division of State-Wide
25 Emergency Telecommunications shall be responsible for developing
26 and maintaining a state-wide emergency service telecommunications
27 policy. In connection with [said] such policy, the division shall:

28 (1) Develop a state-wide emergency service telecommunications plan
29 specifying emergency police, fire and medical service
30 telecommunications systems needed to provide coordinated emergency
31 service telecommunications to all state residents, including the
32 physically disabled;

33 (2) [(A)] Develop and administer an enhanced emergency 9-1-1
34 program, which shall provide for: [(i)] (A) The replacement of existing
35 9-1-1 terminal equipment for each public safety answering point,
36 provided, on and after July 1, 2015, if such public safety answering point
37 serves a population of less than forty thousand or receives and processes
38 less than twelve thousand 9-1-1 calls on an annual basis, such public
39 safety answering point complies with the provisions of subsection (g) of
40 this section; [(ii)] (B) the subsidization of regional [public safety]
41 emergency telecommunications centers and multitown public safety
42 answering points, with enhanced subsidization [(I)] for municipalities
43 with a population of forty thousand or more; [, and (II) pursuant to
44 subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, for such centers serving at least
45 one municipality with a population of one hundred thousand or more
46 as of July 1, 2016; (iii)] (C) the establishment of incentives to encourage
47 regionalization of public safety answering points, which incentives shall

48 include, but not be limited to, a transition grant program; [(iv)] (D) the
49 establishment of a regional emergency telecommunications service
50 credit in order to support regional dispatch services; and [(v)] (E) the
51 implementation of the next generation 9-1-1 telecommunication system;

52 [(B) (i) Beginning July 1, 2019, and ending on the date a regulation
53 described in subparagraph (B)(v) of this subdivision is posted on the
54 eRegulations System by the Secretary of the State in accordance with
55 section 4-172, or on May 1, 2020, whichever is sooner, enhanced
56 subsidization payments for any regional public safety emergency
57 telecommunications center described in subparagraph (A)(ii)(II) of this
58 subdivision shall be calculated in accordance with the provisions of this
59 subparagraph, provided subsidization payments for regional public
60 safety emergency telecommunications centers other than those
61 described in said subparagraph shall not be decreased as a result of such
62 calculation.

63 (ii) As used in this subparagraph:

64 (I) "Division" means the Division of State-Wide Emergency
65 Telecommunications;

66 (II) "RPOP" means the aggregate population of the towns or cities
67 served by the regional public safety emergency telecommunications
68 center as determined by the most recent population figures from the
69 Department of Public Health;

70 (III) "RPV" means the regional population value calculated by
71 identifying the total annual subsidy paid by the division for the fiscal
72 year ending June 30, 2018, to all regional public safety emergency
73 telecommunications centers, multiplying such total annual subsidy
74 payment by twenty-five per cent, and dividing such product by the
75 aggregate population of the towns or cities served by all such centers in
76 existence on December 31, 2017, as determined by the population
77 figures from the Department of Public Health on said date;

78 (IV) "RCV" means the regional call value calculated by the total

79 annual subsidy paid by the division for the fiscal year ending June 30,
80 2017, to all regional public safety emergency telecommunications
81 centers, multiplying such total annual subsidy by seventy-five per cent,
82 and dividing such product by the number of 9-1-1 calls received for the
83 fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, at all such centers in existence on
84 December 31, 2017;

85 (V) "RCALL" means the average, over the most recent three calendar
86 years, of the number of 9-1-1 calls annually received by a regional public
87 safety emergency telecommunications center; and

88 (VI) "RT" means the enhanced subsidization payment calculated
89 under this subdivision for a regional public safety emergency
90 telecommunications center described in subparagraph (A)(ii)(II) of this
91 subdivision.

92 (iii) (I) On July 1, 2020, and annually thereafter, RPV and RCV shall
93 be adjusted by the division in accordance with any increase in the
94 consumer price index for all urban consumers as published by the
95 United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, during
96 the three calendar years preceding such adjustment.

97 (II) In the case of a member town or city of a regional public safety
98 emergency telecommunications center for which such center does not
99 provide emergency police, fire and medical services and emergency
100 medical dispatch services, the RPOP and RCALL of such town or city
101 shall not be included in such center's totals for the purpose of calculating
102 enhanced subsidization payments under this subdivision, except that if
103 such town or city is served exclusively by the Connecticut State Police
104 for law enforcement purposes, the RPOP and RCALL of such town or
105 city shall be so included only to the extent of the provision of emergency
106 police services.

107 (iv) The enhanced subsidization payment for a regional public safety
108 emergency telecommunications center described in subparagraph
109 (A)(ii)(II) of this subdivision shall be calculated as follows:

110 $RT = (RPOP \times RPV) + (RCALL \times RCV).$

111 (v) The provisions of this subparagraph shall cease to be effective on
112 the date of the posting on the eRegulations System by the Secretary of
113 the State in accordance with section 4-172 of a regulation adopted by the
114 division pursuant to subsection (b) of this section that incorporates a
115 substantially similar formula for the calculation of enhanced
116 subsidization payments under this subparagraph, or on May 1, 2020,
117 whichever is sooner. Until such provisions cease to be effective, the
118 division shall examine the application of a cost-of-living adjustment to
119 such formula and, not later than February 15, 2020, report to the joint
120 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
121 matters relating to public safety, in accordance with the provisions of
122 section 11-4a, on such examination including any recommendations for
123 legislative action.]

124 (3) Provide technical telecommunications assistance to state and local
125 police, fire and emergency medical service agencies;

126 (4) Provide frequency coordination for such agencies;

127 (5) Coordinate and assist in state-wide planning for 9-1-1, E 9-1-1 and
128 the next generation 9-1-1 telecommunication systems, with a focus on
129 facilitating the regionalization of public safety answering points;

130 (6) Review and make recommendations concerning proposed
131 legislation affecting emergency service telecommunications;

132 (7) Review and make recommendations to the General Assembly
133 concerning emergency service telecommunications funding, including
134 ways to reduce costs by removing barriers to consolidation of existing
135 public safety answering points; and

136 (8) On or before January first of each year, prepare the annual budget
137 for the use of funds from the Enhanced 9-1-1 Telecommunications Fund
138 and submit such budget to the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
139 Management for the secretary's review and approval. On or before
140 January fifteenth of each year, said secretary shall submit a report

141 concerning the proposed use of such funds to the joint standing
142 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
143 relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, finance,
144 revenue and bonding, and public safety in accordance with the
145 provisions of section 11-4a.

146 [(b)] (c) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public
147 Protection shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of
148 chapter 54, [~~establishing~~] to establish eligibility standards for state
149 financial assistance to local or regional police, fire and emergency
150 medical service agencies providing emergency service
151 telecommunications [. Not later than April 1, 1997, the commissioner
152 shall adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, in order] and to
153 carry out the provisions of subdivision (2) of subsection [(a)] (b) of this
154 section. [Such regulations shall be amended to adopt a formula for the
155 calculation of enhanced subsidization payments that is substantially
156 similar to the formula contained in subparagraph (B) of subdivision (2)
157 of subsection (a) of this section.]

158 [(c)] (d) Within a time period determined by the commissioner to
159 ensure the availability of funds for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1997,
160 to the regional emergency telecommunications centers within the state,
161 and not later than April first of each year thereafter, the commissioner
162 shall determine the amount of funding needed for the development and
163 administration of the enhanced emergency 9-1-1 program. The
164 commissioner shall specify the expenses associated with (1) the
165 purchase, installation and maintenance of new public safety answering
166 point terminal equipment, (2) the implementation of the subsidy
167 program, as described in subdivision (2) of subsection [(a)] (b) of this
168 section, (3) the establishment of incentives to encourage regionalization
169 of public safety answering points, including the implementation of the
170 transition grant program, described in subdivision (2) of subsection [(a)]
171 (b) of this section, (4) the implementation of the regional emergency
172 telecommunications service credit, as described in subdivision (2) of
173 subsection [(a)] (b) of this section, provided, for the fiscal year ending
174 June 30, 2001, and each fiscal year thereafter, such credit for coordinated

175 medical emergency direction services as provided in regulations
176 adopted under this section shall be based upon the factor of thirty cents
177 per capita and shall not be reduced each year, (5) the training of
178 personnel, as necessary, (6) recurring expenses and future capital costs
179 associated with the telecommunications network used to provide
180 emergency 9-1-1 service and the public safety services data networks,
181 (7) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001, and each fiscal year
182 thereafter, the collection, maintenance and reporting of emergency
183 medical services data, as required under subparagraph (A) of
184 subdivision (8) of section 19a-177, provided the amount of expenses
185 specified under this subdivision shall not exceed two hundred fifty
186 thousand dollars in any fiscal year, (8) for the fiscal year ending June 30,
187 2001, and each fiscal year thereafter, the initial training of emergency
188 medical dispatch personnel, the provision of an emergency medical
189 dispatch priority reference card set and emergency medical dispatch
190 training and continuing education pursuant to subdivisions (3) and (4)
191 of subsection (g) of section 28-25b, (9) the administration of the
192 enhanced emergency 9-1-1 program by the Division of State-Wide
193 Emergency Telecommunications, as the commissioner determines to be
194 reasonably necessary, and (10) the implementation and maintenance of
195 the public safety data network established pursuant to section 29-1j. The
196 commissioner shall communicate the commissioner's findings to the
197 Public Utilities Regulatory Authority not later than April first of each
198 year.

199 (e) If a public safety answering point serves a population of less than
200 forty thousand or receives and processes less than twelve thousand 9-1-
201 1 calls on an annual basis, such public safety answering point shall
202 provide written notice to the division, on or before July 1, 2023, stating
203 the intention of such public safety answering point to (1) become part of
204 a regional emergency telecommunications center by July 1, 2025, (2)
205 become part of a multitown public safety answering point by July 1,
206 2025, or (3) remain a public safety answering point that serves a
207 population of less than forty thousand or receives and processes less
208 than twelve thousand 9-1-1 calls on an annual basis. If such public safety
209 answering point intends to become part of a regional emergency

210 telecommunications center or part of a multitown public safety
211 answering point, the written notice shall identify the intended public
212 safety answering point partner or partners.

213 (f) For the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2025, and each fiscal year
214 thereafter, any public safety answering point that serves a population of
215 less than forty thousand or receives and processes less than twelve
216 thousand 9-1-1 calls on an annual basis that is not part of a regional
217 emergency telecommunications center or part of a multitown public
218 safety answering point shall not be eligible to receive any funds
219 pursuant to this section.

220 (g) (1) If a public safety answering point serves a population of less
221 than forty thousand or receives and processes less than twelve thousand
222 9-1-1 calls on an annual basis on or after July 1, 2025, such public safety
223 answering point shall reimburse the office for expenses the office incurs
224 as a result of supporting and maintaining such public safety answering
225 point. Such reimbursement shall include, but not be limited to, (A) the
226 cost of replacing and maintaining 9-1-1 terminal equipment, system
227 infrastructure and network infrastructure, and (B) the costs associated
228 with training and certifying telecommunicators, as defined in section 28-
229 30, the initial training of emergency medical dispatch personnel, the
230 emergency medical dispatch priority reference card set and emergency
231 medical dispatch training and continuing education pursuant to
232 subdivisions (3) and (4) of subsection (g) of section 28-25b. Such public
233 safety answering point shall only receive 9-1-1 terminal equipment,
234 maintenance, training and certification as provided or approved by the
235 division.

236 (2) The division shall, not later than thirty days after receiving any
237 moneys pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection, deposit such
238 moneys in the Enhanced 9-1-1 Telecommunications Fund, established
239 pursuant to section 28-30a, as amended by this act.

240 [(d)] (h) The division may apply for, receive and distribute any
241 federal funds available for emergency service telecommunications. The
242 division shall deposit such federal funds in the Enhanced 9-1-1

243 Telecommunications Fund, established pursuant to section 28-30a, as
244 amended by this act.

245 (e) The division shall work in cooperation with the Public Utilities
246 Regulatory Authority to carry out the purposes of this section.

247 Sec. 2. Section 28-30a of the general statutes is repealed and the
248 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2023*):

249 (a) There is established a fund to be known as the "Enhanced 9-1-1
250 Telecommunications Fund". The fund shall contain any moneys
251 required by law to be deposited in the fund, including, but not limited
252 to, any federal funds collected pursuant to subsection [(d)] (h) of section
253 28-24, as amended by this act, fees assessed against subscribers of local
254 telephone service and subscribers of commercial mobile radio services
255 pursuant to section 16-256g, as amended by this act, and prepaid
256 wireless E 9-1-1 fees collected pursuant to section 28-30e. The Enhanced
257 9-1-1 Telecommunications Fund shall be held separate and apart from
258 all other moneys, funds and accounts. Interest derived from the
259 investment of the fund shall be credited to the assets of the fund. Any
260 balance remaining in the fund at the end of any fiscal year shall be
261 carried forward in the fund for the fiscal year next succeeding.

262 (b) The State Treasurer, in consultation with the Secretary of the
263 Office of Policy and Management, shall invest the moneys deposited in
264 the Enhanced 9-1-1 Telecommunications Fund in the Short-Term
265 Investment Fund authorized under section 3-27a or investments in
266 which the Treasurer may invest assets of the trust funds which are listed
267 in section 3-13c.

268 (c) The resources of the Enhanced 9-1-1 Telecommunications Fund
269 shall be used solely to fund the expenses, as determined by the
270 Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection in
271 accordance with subsection [(c)] (d) of section 28-24, as amended by this
272 act, associated with the enhanced emergency 9-1-1 program. Any
273 surplus shall be carried forward to successive fiscal years and used for
274 the sole purpose of administering the enhanced emergency 9-1-1

275 program.

276 Sec. 3. Section 4-124s of the general statutes is repealed and the
277 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

278 (a) For the purposes of this section:

279 (1) "Regional council of governments" means any such council
280 organized under the provisions of sections 4-124i to 4-124p, inclusive;

281 (2) "Municipality" means a town, city or consolidated town and
282 borough;

283 (3) "Legislative body" means the board of selectmen, town council,
284 city council, board of alderman, board of directors, board of
285 representatives or board of the warden and burgesses of a municipality;

286 (4) "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
287 Management or the designee of the secretary; [and]

288 (5) "Regional educational service center" has the same meaning as
289 provided in section 10-282;

290 (6) "Regional emergency telecommunications center" means any
291 entity authorized by the Department of Emergency Services and Public
292 Protection as a public safety answering point that is responsible for
293 receiving and processing 9-1-1 calls for at least three municipalities and
294 serves a combined population of forty thousand or more, as determined
295 by the most recent population estimate by the Department of Public
296 Health;

297 (7) "Multitown public safety answering point" means any entity
298 authorized by the Department of Emergency Services and Public
299 Protection as a public safety answering point that is responsible for
300 receiving and processing 9-1-1 calls for two municipalities and serves a
301 combined population of forty thousand or more, as determined by the
302 most recent population estimate by the Department of Public Health;
303 and

304 (8) "Public safety answering point" has the same meaning as provided
305 in section 28-25.

306 (b) There is established a regional performance incentive program
307 that shall be administered by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
308 Management. On or before December 31, 2011, and annually thereafter,
309 any regional council of governments, any two or more municipalities
310 acting through a regional council of governments, any economic
311 development district, any regional educational service center or any
312 combination thereof may submit a proposal to the secretary for: (1) The
313 joint provision of any service that one or more participating
314 municipalities of such council, educational service center or agency
315 currently provide but which is not provided on a regional basis, (2) a
316 planning study regarding the joint provision of any service on a regional
317 basis, or (3) shared information technology services. A copy of said
318 proposal shall be sent to the legislators representing said participating
319 municipalities. Any local or regional board of education or regional
320 educational service center serving a population greater than one
321 hundred thousand may submit a proposal to the secretary for a regional
322 special education initiative.

323 (c) (1) A regional council of governments, an economic development
324 district, a regional educational service center or a local or regional board
325 of education shall submit each proposal in the form and manner the
326 secretary prescribes and shall, at a minimum, provide the following
327 information for each proposal: (A) Service or initiative description; (B)
328 the explanation of the need for such service or initiative; (C) the method
329 of delivering such service or initiative on a regional basis; (D) the
330 organization that would be responsible for regional service or initiative
331 delivery; (E) a description of the population that would be served; (F)
332 the manner in which regional service or initiative delivery will achieve
333 economies of scale; (G) the amount by which participating
334 municipalities will reduce their mill rates as a result of savings realized;
335 (H) a cost benefit analysis for the provision of the service or initiative by
336 each participating municipality and by the entity or board of education
337 submitting the proposal; (I) a plan of implementation for delivery of the

338 service or initiative on a regional basis; (J) a resolution endorsing such
339 proposal approved by the legislative body of each participating
340 municipality; and (K) an explanation of the potential legal obstacles, if
341 any, to the regional provision of the service or initiative.

342 (2) The secretary shall review each proposal and shall award grants
343 for proposals the secretary determines best meet the requirements of
344 this section. In awarding such grants, the secretary shall give priority to
345 a proposal submitted by (A) any entity specified in subsection (a) of this
346 section that includes participation of all of the member municipalities of
347 such entity, and which may increase the purchasing power of
348 participating municipalities or provide a cost savings initiative resulting
349 in a decrease in expenses of such municipalities, allowing such
350 municipalities to lower property taxes, (B) any economic development
351 district, and (C) any local or regional board of education.

352 (d) On or before December 31, 2013, and annually thereafter until
353 December 31, 2018, in addition to any proposal submitted pursuant to
354 this section, any municipality or regional council of governments may
355 apply to the secretary for a grant to fund: (1) Operating costs associated
356 with connecting to the state-wide high speed, flexible network
357 developed pursuant to section 4d-80, including the costs to connect at
358 the same rate as other government entities served by such network; and
359 (2) capital cost associated with connecting to such network, including
360 expenses associated with building out the internal fiber network
361 connections required to connect to such network, provided the secretary
362 shall make any such grant available in accordance with the two-year
363 schedule by which the Bureau of Enterprise Systems and Technology
364 recommends connecting each municipality and regional council of
365 governments to such network. Any municipality or regional council of
366 governments shall submit each application in the form and manner the
367 secretary prescribes.

368 (e) On or before December 31, 2021, and annually thereafter, any two
369 or more municipalities establishing a regional emergency
370 telecommunications center or multitown public safety answering point

371 may apply to the secretary for a grant to fund operating costs associated
372 with transitioning an existing public safety answering point to a
373 regional emergency telecommunications center or multitown public
374 safety answering point. Such municipalities shall submit such
375 application in such form and manner as the secretary prescribes.

376 [(e)] (f) The secretary shall submit to the Governor and the joint
377 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
378 matters relating to finance, revenue and bonding a report on the grants
379 provided pursuant to this section. Each such report shall include
380 information on the amount of each grant, and the potential of each grant
381 for leveraging other public and private investments. The secretary shall
382 submit a report for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2011, not later
383 than February 1, 2012, and shall submit a report for each subsequent
384 fiscal year not later than the first day of March in such fiscal year. Such
385 reports shall include the property tax reductions achieved by means of
386 the program established pursuant to this section.

387 Sec. 4. Section 7-478a of the general statutes is repealed and the
388 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2025*):

389 (a) Two or more municipal employers participating in an interlocal
390 agreement pursuant to sections 7-339a to 7-339l, inclusive, or
391 undertaking the joint performance of emergency service
392 telecommunications as a regional emergency telecommunications
393 center or a multitown public safety answering point, as those terms are
394 defined in section 28-24, as amended by this act, shall constitute a
395 municipal employer as defined in section 7-467.

396 (b) Each employee organization, as defined in said section 7-467, of
397 the municipal employers constituting a municipal employer under this
398 section shall retain representation rights for collective bargaining. If two
399 or more employee organizations have representation rights, the
400 employee organizations shall act in coalition for all collective bargaining
401 purposes.

402 (c) When a municipal employer is constituted under this section, the

403 collective bargaining agreement of each employee organization with
404 representation rights shall remain in effect. A decision by a municipal
405 employer to enter into or implement an interlocal agreement under
406 sections 7-339a to 7-339l, inclusive, or to undertake the joint
407 performance of emergency service telecommunications as a regional
408 emergency telecommunications center or a multitown public safety
409 answering point, as those terms are defined in section 28-24, as amended
410 by this act, shall not be a subject of collective bargaining but the impact
411 of such agreement upon wages, hours and other conditions of
412 employment, shall be a subject of collective bargaining. The impact of
413 such agreement shall be negotiated and resolved by agreement or a
414 decision resulting from arbitration proceedings prior to the formation of
415 any regional emergency telecommunications center or multitown public
416 safety answering point.

417 Sec. 5. Subsection (a) of section 16-256g of the general statutes is
418 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January*
419 *1, 2023*):

420 (a) By June first of each year, the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority
421 shall conduct a proceeding to determine the amount of the monthly fee
422 to be assessed against each subscriber of: (1) Local telephone service, (2)
423 commercial mobile radio service, as defined in 47 CFR Section 20.3, and
424 (3) voice over Internet protocol service, as defined in section 28-30b, to
425 fund the development and administration of the enhanced emergency
426 9-1-1 program. The authority shall base such fee on the findings of the
427 Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection, pursuant
428 to subsection [(c)] (d) of section 28-24, as amended by this act, taking
429 into consideration any existing moneys available in the Enhanced 9-1-1
430 Telecommunications Fund. The authority shall consider the progressive
431 wire line inclusion schedule contained in the final report of the task force
432 to study enhanced 9-1-1 telecommunications services established by
433 public act 95-318. The authority shall not approve any fee (A) greater
434 than seventy-five cents per month per access line, (B) that does not
435 include the progressive wire line inclusion schedule, or (C) for
436 commercial mobile radio service, as defined in 47 CFR Section 20.3 that

437 includes the progressive wire line inclusion schedule.

438 Sec. 6. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Not later than September 1, 2021, the
439 Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection, or the
440 commissioner's designee, shall convene a working group to (1) examine
441 the current system of public safety answering points in the state, (2)
442 identify issues with the implementation of subsection (e) of section 4-
443 124s of the general statutes, as amended by this act, and subsections (e)
444 to (g), inclusive, of section 28-24 of the general statutes, as amended by
445 this act, and (3) make recommendations for consolidating such
446 answering points while prioritizing the need to ensure public safety.

447 (b) The working group shall consist of the following members, who
448 shall be appointed by the commissioner not later than sixty days after
449 the effective date of this section: representatives from regional
450 emergency telecommunications centers, multitown public safety
451 answering points and public safety answering points, labor
452 organizations representing employees of public safety answering
453 points, small and large municipalities, police chiefs and fire chiefs, the
454 director of the Division of State-Wide Emergency Telecommunications
455 within the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, or
456 the director's designee, and any other person invited by the
457 commissioner to be a member of the working group.

458 (c) Not later January 1, 2022, and annually thereafter until January 1,
459 2026, the working group shall submit a report on its findings and
460 recommendations to the joint standing committee of the General
461 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public safety and
462 security, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
463 general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>January 1, 2023</i>	28-24
Sec. 2	<i>January 1, 2023</i>	28-30a
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	4-124s
Sec. 4	<i>January 1, 2025</i>	7-478a

Sec. 5	<i>January 1, 2023</i>	16-256g(a)
Sec. 6	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To (1) provide incentives for public safety answering points to consolidate and (2) establish a working group to study the consolidation of public safety answering points.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

Co-Sponsors: REP. ROJAS, 9th Dist.; REP. MUSHINSKY, 85th Dist.

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