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House Bill 2605

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NOTE

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to the Committee on Government Organization.]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,
 2 designated §24-2-20, relating to requiring the Public Service Commission to create a plan
 3 within twelve months to consolidate all of the emergency communications centers and
 4 emergency telephone centers in the state into not more than six centers; setting
 5 scheduling and reporting requirements.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

1 That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new
 2 section, designated §24-2-20, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 2. POWERS AND DUTIES OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.

§ 24-2-20. Plan required to consolidate work of emergency communications centers.

1 The Legislature finds that advances in technology provide an opportunity to combine
 2 duties spread among emergency communications centers throughout the state into far fewer
 3 centers while providing the same services statewide. The Legislature also finds that savings
 4 gained from consolidating the state’s many centers will result in significant reductions in 911 fees.

5 The Public Service Commission shall formulate and present to the Legislature by January
 6 1, 2018, a plan to consolidate the states emergency communications centers authorized by
 7 section three-cc, article one, chapter seven of this code into no fewer than three and no more
 8 than six emergency communications centers throughout the state within a period not to exceed
 9 four years from the time a consolidation plan is accepted by the Legislature.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require the Public Service Commission to present to the Legislature a plan to consolidate the work of all of the state’s emergency communications centers into no more than six centers, within a time certain.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.