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SENATE BILL NO. 107

(By Senators Holliclay & Claypole)



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AN ACT to amend and reenact section five, article six, chapter twenty-four of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to local emergency telephone systems; requiring the successful completion of a nationally recognized forty-hour training course for dispatchers; and requiring each affected county or municipality to appoint an enhanced emergency telephone system advisory committee to monitor the operation of the system.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

That section five, article six, chapter twenty-four of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

**ARTICLE 6. LOCAL EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM.**

**§24-6-5. Enhanced emergency telephone system requirements.**

- 1 (a) An enhanced emergency telephone system, at a
- 2 minimum, shall provide that:

3 (1) All the territory in the county, including every  
4 municipal corporation in the county, which is served by  
5 telephone company central office equipment that will  
6 permit such a system to be established shall be included  
7 in the system;

8 (2) Every emergency service provider that provides  
9 emergency service within the territory of a county  
10 participate in the system;

11 (3) Each county answering point be operated con-  
12 stantly;

13 (4) Each emergency service provider participating in  
14 the system maintain a telephone number in addition to  
15 the one provided for in the system; and

16 (5) If the county answering point personnel reasonably  
17 determine that a call is not an emergency, the personnel  
18 provide the caller with the number of the appropriate  
19 emergency service provider.

20 (b) To the extent possible, enhanced emergency  
21 telephone systems shall be centralized.

22 (c) In developing an enhanced emergency telephone  
23 system, the county commission or the department of  
24 public safety shall seek the advice of both the telephone  
25 companies providing local exchange service within the  
26 county and the local emergency providers.

27 (d) As a condition of continued employment, persons  
28 employed to dispatch emergency calls shall successfully  
29 complete a forty-hour nationally recognized training  
30 course for dispatchers within one year of the date of  
31 their employment; except that persons employed to  
32 dispatch emergency calls prior to the effective date of  
33 this subsection, as a condition of continuing employ-  
34 ment, shall successfully complete such a course not later  
35 than the first day of July, one thousand nine hundred  
36 ninety-five.

37 (e) Each county or municipality shall appoint for each

38 answering point an enhanced emergency telephone  
39 system advisory board consisting of at least six members  
40 to monitor the operation of the system. The board shall  
41 be appointed by the county or municipality, and shall  
42 include at least one member from affected fire service  
43 providers, law-enforcement providers, emergency  
44 medical providers and emergency services providers  
45 participating in the system and at least one member  
46 from the county or municipality. The board may make  
47 recommendations to the county or municipality  
48 concerning the operation of the system.

49 In addition, the director of the county or municipal  
50 enhanced telephone system shall serve as an ex-officio  
51 member of the advisory board. The initial advisory  
52 board shall serve staggered terms of one, two and three  
53 years. The initial terms of these appointees shall  
54 commence on the first day of July, one thousand nine  
55 hundred ninety-four. All future appointments shall be  
56 for terms of three years, except that an appointment to  
57 fill a vacancy shall be for the unexpired term. All  
58 members shall serve without compensation. The board  
59 shall adopt such policies, rules and regulations as are  
60 necessary for its own guidance. The board shall meet  
61 monthly on the day of each month which the board may  
62 designate. The board may make recommendations to the  
63 county or municipality concerning the operation of the  
64 system.

65 (f) Any advisory board established prior to the first  
66 day of January, one thousand nine hundred ninety-four,  
67 shall have three years to meet the criteria of subsection  
68 (e) of this section.

The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

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Chairman Senate Committee

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Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

To take effect July 1, 1994.

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Clerk of the House of Delegates

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President of the Senate

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Speaker House of Delegates

The within is approved this the *30th* day of *March*, 1994.

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