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Committee Substitute

for

House Bill 4823

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Organization; February 19, 2020.]

1   A BILL to amend and reenact §24-6-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating

2   to emergency 911 telephone system and wireless enhanced 911 fees; and requiring the

3   Public Service Commission in cooperation with the State Auditor to develop a plan for

4   periodic audits of the expenditure of the fees from these systems.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 6. LOCAL EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM.

§24-6-3. Adoption of emergency telephone system plan.

1   (a) The Public Service Commission shall develop, adopt, and periodically review a

2   comprehensive plan establishing the technical and operational standards to be followed in

3   establishing and maintaining emergency telephone systems and enhanced emergency telephone

4   systems.

5   (b) In developing the comprehensive plan, the Public Service Commission shall consult

6   with telephone companies, and with the various public agencies and public safety units, including,

7   but not limited to, emergency services organizations.

8   (c) The Public Service Commission shall annually review with each operating telephone

9   company their construction and switching replacements projections. During this review, the Public

10   Service Commission shall ensure that all new switching facilities will accommodate the

11   emergency telephone system.

12   (d) The State Auditor, in cooperation with the Public Service Commission, shall develop

13   and adopt a comprehensive plan for periodic audits of the expenditure of emergency 911

14   telephone system fees and wireless enhanced 911 fees. The results of the audits shall be

15   submitted to the Joint Committee on Government and Finance, no less than annually.

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