THE STATE SENATE
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Senate Bill No. 944

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SENATE BILL NO. 944 - By: LASTER of the Senate and JETT of the House.

An Act relating to telecommunications; creating the statewide Nine-One-One Advisory Board; stating purpose of the Board; providing for membership; providing for appointment of chair, meetings and travel reimbursement; establishing duties of the Board; providing for codification; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2847 of Title 63, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. There is hereby created the statewide Nine-One-One Advisory Board. The purpose of the Board shall be to oversee development and operation of emergency nine-one-one (911) systems in the state.

B. The Board shall be composed of the following members, appointed by the Governor:

1. The statewide nine-one-one coordinator, appointed as provided for in this section;

2. One member who represents the Oklahoma Chapter of the Association of Public Safety Communication Officials (APSCO);

3. One member who represents the Oklahoma Chapter of the National Emergency Number Association (NENA);

4. One member who represents the Oklahoma Municipal League (OML);

5. One member who represents the Association of County Commissioners of Oklahoma (ACCO);

6. One member who represents the Oklahoma Association of Regional Councils (OARC);

7. One member who represents a substate planning district as defined in Section 2843 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

8. Two members who each represent a municipal government that operates a 911 system and has a population of less than one hundred thousand (100,000);

9. One member who represents a municipal government that operates a 911 system and has a population of more than one hundred thousand (100,000) but less than four hundred fifty thousand (450,000);

10. One member who represents a municipal government that operates a 911 system and has a population of more than four hundred fifty thousand (450,000);

11. One member who represents an organization created by an interlocal agreement for the purpose of sharing public safety answering-point duties and whose members are municipal governments with a population of less than four hundred fifty thousand (450,000);

12. One member who represents an organization created by an interlocal agreement for the purpose of sharing public safety answering-point duties and whose members are municipal governments with a population of more than four hundred fifty thousand (450,000); and

13. The Oklahoma Secretary of Safety and Security or a designee.

C. At its first meeting the board shall designate a chair from its members. Meetings shall be held at the call of the chair. The Board shall meet at such time as is established by the chair. Board members shall receive no compensation for serving on the Board but shall receive travel reimbursement by the appointing authority for travel expenses incurred in the performance of Board duties in accordance with the State Travel Reimbursement Act, and the Board shall be subject to the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act and the Oklahoma Open Records Act.

D. The duties of the Board shall be to:

1. Secure resources for the creation, operation, expansion, and cooperative undertaking of local public safety answering points;

2. Secure and direct the distribution of public funds and grants as needed;

3. Facilitate information-sharing among public safety answering points;

4. Create and maintain best practices databases for public jurisdictions;

5. Encourage equipment and technology sharing among small jurisdictions;

6. Take steps to expand enhanced wire-line 911 service to every telephone user in the state;

7. Assist public-safety answering points in implementing Phase I and Phase II wireless technology;

8. Provide a clearinghouse of contact information for all telephone companies operating in the state and contact information and 911 fees charged in each jurisdiction;

9. Develop training program standards for 911 call takers;

10. Designate a Statewide Nine-One-One Coordinator; and

11. Take any steps necessary to carry out the duties provided for in this subsection.

SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON AEROSPACE, COMMUNICATIONS & TECHNOLOGY, dated 2-14-05 - DO PASS, As Coauthored.