

BILL SUMMARY

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Bill No.:	HB 1924
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Impact:	Please see previous summary of this measure

Research Analysis

The committee substitute to HB 1924 raises the monthly 9-1-1 telephone fee from 75 cents to \$1.25 for wireless, Voice over Internet Protocol, and prepaid wireless services. The measure also raises the amount of 9-1-1 telephone fees that are deposited into the Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management Authority Revolving Fund from 5 cents to 25 cents. Proceeds from the increase in fees will be used to fund Next Generation 9-1-1 technology statewide.

The distribution of revenue from 9-1-1 fees has also been modified. Eligible governing bodies are to be given a flat rate of \$3,000 per month per Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP). Of the remaining revenue, 10 percent will be distributed based on response area and 90 percent will be distributed based on population.

The measure also modifies other requirements related to emergency telephone services, which includes:

- Reducing the amount of the 9-1-1 telephone fee the Tax Commission is allowed to keep from 1 percent to 0.8 percent;
- Requiring all emergency telecommunicators to complete 40 hours of a 9-1-1 emergency telecommunicator training course and telecommunicator CPR before July 1, 2024. New hires will have six months to complete telecommunicator training. The Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management Authority is also required to create and maintain a list of 9-1-1 emergency telecommunicator training programs that include instruction for basic call handling and dispatch services and is at least 40 hours;
- Shifting five voting members of the Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management Authority to nonvoting members. These members represent local exchange telecommunications service providers, Tier I and III wireless carriers, and the telephone industry;
- Allowing the Authority to enter into contracts for equipment and services, to be reimbursed for travel expenses, and requiring the Authority to submit to the Tax Commission the coverage area of the PSAP in square miles for the purpose of distributing fees; and
- Prohibiting the establishment of a new PSAP after July 1, 2024 unless its established in consolidation with an existing PSAP or a replacement of an existing PSAP.

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Fiscal Analysis

The measure is currently under review and impact information will be completed.

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Other Considerations

None.

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