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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
119TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1885, L.D. 2624, Bill, "An Act to Increase Choice in the Designation of Public Safety Answering Points in the E-9-1-1 System"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, to Improve the Services Provided by the Emergency Services Communication Bureau'

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 1. Monitoring plan. Resolved: That the Director of the Emergency Services Communication Bureau within the Department of Public Safety shall develop and begin implementing no later than August 1, 2000 a specific and detailed plan for monitoring, evaluating and making appropriate adjustments to the E-9-1-1 system as it is implemented and operated. The plan must include specific methods for assessing and responding to:

1. Unanticipated patterns of system usage that may suggest the need for adjustments in the designation of public safety answering points for specific communities;

2. Aspects of system configuration that may affect system performance;

3. Aspects of system performance that may affect the provision of emergency services; and

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4. Changes in system characteristics, including the location or use of public service answering points, that may affect the provision of emergency services; and be it further

Sec. 2. Plan for improvements in community relations. Resolved:

That the Director of the Emergency Services Communication Bureau within the Department of Public Safety shall develop and begin implementing no later than August 1, 2000 a specific, organized and detailed plan for assessing, understanding, addressing and improving the bureau's relationship and communications with providers of emergency services and dispatching services and with community leaders and the public; and be it further

Sec. 3. Report. Resolved:

That the Director of the Emergency Services Communication Bureau within the Department of Public Safety shall submit to the Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy no later than August 1, 2000 the plans it is required to develop pursuant to this resolve.'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

FISCAL NOTE

The Department of Public Safety will incur some minor additional costs to implement several planning efforts and to submit a required report to the Legislature. These costs can be absorbed within the department's existing budgeted resources.'

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill and converts the bill into a resolve. The resolve requires the Director of the Emergency Services Communication Bureau within the Department of Public Safety to:

1. Develop and implement a plan for monitoring, evaluating and making appropriate adjustments to the E-9-1-1 system as it is implemented and operated;

2. Develop and implement a plan for improving the bureau's relationship and communications with providers of emergency services and dispatching services and with community leaders and the public; and

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2 3. Provide copies of these plans to the Joint Standing
Committee on Utilities and Energy by August 1, 2000.

4 The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

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