

Proposed 2009 Session Legislation

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Short Title: Revise 9-1-1 Fund Distribution and Provide Authority to Collect Program Information

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1. Purpose:

This proposal is in response to recent audit recommendations for the 9-1-1 program (Audit # 07P-12). The proposal will: 1. revise the distribution of funds in the wireless 9-1-1 account in 10-4-313, MCA, to ensure that no public safety answering point (PSAP) receives less than the 1% minimum distribution identified in other 9-1-1 statutes, 2. provide the Department of Administration authority to collect program information from PSAPs and expand management reporting.

2. Background:

The Department agreed to submit legislation in response to performance audit recommendations. Recommendation # 1: We recommend the Department of Administration: A) Seek input from 9-1-1 system stakeholders, including the 9-1 -1 Advisory Council, on how to distribute surcharge revenues without creating disparities. B) Seek statutory clarification and approval of a revenue distribution methodology ensuring funds are distributed as envisioned by the legislature. Recommendation #2: We recommend the Department of Administration seek statutory authority to require local governments provide comprehensive program information and expand its compilation and reporting of management information for statewide 9-1-1 activities.

3. Fiscal Impact by Fund Type: This impact should be as specific as possible.

None. This legislation changes the distribution of wireless 9-1-1 funds among PSAPs.

4. Summary Checklist [Check & complete all that apply]--

Summary Checklist with checkboxes and input fields: Housekeeping Only, Federal Requirement, Audit Recommendation (Audit No.) 07P-12, Major Legislation, Anticipated to be Controversial Legislation, Bill Draft has been included in Legislation Submittal (if available), Supports Submitted EPP Item Number, Local Government Fiscal Impact, Increases/Decreases FTE, Revenue changes (Tax, Fee, Penalty), Leg. has been Submitted in Previous Legislative Sessions, Legislation would affect other state agencies, Special Interest Groups Affected (list): MACo and local governments, Other.