



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL NO. 127

PRINTERS NO. 961

PRIME SPONSOR: Regan

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2018/19	FY 2019/20
General Fund; 911 Fund	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY: Senate Bill 127, Printer's Number 961, amends Title 35 to make program revisions and extends the sunset provision for the 911 emergency communications program.

ANALYSIS: This bill amends Title 35 (Health and Safety) to make program revisions related to the statewide integrated 911 emergency communications program, such as by striking language in Section 5304 to remove the ability of cities to exercise powers and duties granted to counties related to a 911 system. Additional language is inserted into Section 5306.1 to permit the additional use of 911 funding to purchase a statewide system designed to identify phone numbers associated with a person with a physical disability when emergency calls are made. Section 5314 also states that the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency shall maintain and update a biennial, comprehensive inventory of county Public Safety Answering Point's (PSAP) facilities, capabilities and related equipment and services procured.

It amends Section 5398 to extend the statute's sunset provision from June 30, 2019 to January 31, 2024.

This legislation would take effect immediately upon enactment.

FISCAL IMPACT: Enactment of this bill will have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds. The legislation makes revisions to the program, but more specifically extends the sunset provision for the 911 emergency communications program until January 31, 2024. This extension will allow for the continued collection of the 911 surcharge fee set at \$1.65 per required device and collected by Wireless, Prepaid Wireless, VoIP and Wireline service providers on a monthly basis. Fund revenues are deposited into the 911 Fund, which received \$314.4 million in FY2017-18.

Other agency duties and requirements, such as completion of the PSAP biennial inventory of assets, are expected to be covered under existing General Fund program operations. Also, the agency is authorized to utilize up to two percent of available revenue from the 911 Fund for program operations.

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Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.