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REFERRED TO VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS,  
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AN ACT

1 Requiring certain departments and facilities of the Commonwealth  
2 to provide 911 emergency service and make certain reports.

3 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
4 hereby enacts as follows:

5 Section 1. Short title.

6 This act shall be known and may be cited as the State  
7 Facility Emergency Call System Connection Act.

8 Section 2. Definitions.

9 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall  
10 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
11 context clearly indicates otherwise:

12 "911 emergency communication system." The term shall have  
13 the same meaning given to it as in section 2 of the act of July  
14 9, 1990 (P.L.340, No.78), known as the Public Safety Emergency  
15 Telephone Act.

16 "Agency." The Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency.

1 "Auditor General." The Auditor General of the Commonwealth.

2 "Educational institution." Any institution that provides  
3 instruction at the elementary, secondary or postsecondary level.

4 "Enhanced 911 service." The term shall have the same meaning  
5 given to it in section 2 of the act of July 9, 1990 (P.L.340,  
6 No.78), known as the Public Safety Emergency Telephone Act.

7 "School." The Scranton School for the Deaf, the Scotland  
8 School for Veterans' Children, the Thaddeus Stevens College of  
9 Technology and any other educational institution that is  
10 operated by the Department of Education.

11 "State facility" or "facility." Any institution owned and  
12 operated by the Department of Public Welfare or the State System  
13 of Higher Education, any educational institution owned and  
14 operated by the Department of Education or the Department of  
15 Military and Veterans Affairs or any institution owned and  
16 operated by the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

17 "State System of Higher Education" or "SSHE." The State  
18 System of Higher Education of the Commonwealth.

19 "State veterans home." A veterans home that is operated by  
20 the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

21 "Telephone system." A telecommunication system located on a  
22 State facility that provides telephone service within the State  
23 facility and access to local and long distance telephone  
24 service.

25 Section 3. 911 emergency service availability.

26 (a) State facility.--A State facility that provides housing  
27 for persons admitted to, enrolled in or in residence at the  
28 facility and operates a telephone system shall provide for  
29 necessary equipment additions or modifications as necessary to  
30 provide the telephone system with direct dial access to the 911

1 emergency communication system.

2 (b) Enhanced 911 system.--Where the State facility has  
3 access to an enhanced 911 system, the State facility shall  
4 ensure that the telephone system following any necessary  
5 equipment additions or modifications shall provide  
6 identification of the telephone number and location of an  
7 emergency call originating within the telephone system.

8 Section 4. Report.

9 (a) Reports.--A State facility shall prepare and retain a  
10 report for a period of five years regarding direct dial access  
11 to the respective 911 emergency service for every telephone  
12 system. The report shall be revised annually to include  
13 modifications to the telephone system to provide direct dial  
14 access to the respective 911 emergency service.

15 (b) Contents of report.--This report shall include all of  
16 the following:

17 (1) The number of telephone systems in the State  
18 facility.

19 (2) The number of telephone systems in the State  
20 facility that currently have direct dial access to the 911  
21 emergency communication system.

22 (3) The number of telephone systems in the State  
23 facility that currently have direct dial access to an  
24 enhanced 911 system.

25 (c) Dissemination of report.--A copy of the initial report  
26 and every annual report prepared thereafter shall be submitted  
27 to the agency.

28 (d) Auditor General.--The Auditor General may inspect the  
29 annual report and supporting records and documents. The State  
30 facility shall make the report and supporting records and

- 1 documents available for inspection by the Auditor General.
- 2 Section 5. Effective date.
- 3 This act shall take effect in 30 days.