



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 859

PRINTERS NO. 973

PRIME SPONSOR: Barrar

COST / (SAVINGS)

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

SUMMARY: House Bill 859, Printer's Number 973, 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. Section 5314 states that the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency shall maintain and update a comprehensive inventory of each county Public Safety Answering Point's (PSAP) facilities, capabilities and related equipment and services procured.

It also amends Section 5398 to extend the statute's sunset provision another four years from June 30, 2019 to June 30, 2023.

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 June 30, 2023. 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 inventory of assets and submission of reports to the General Assembly, 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.