



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1463

PRINTER'S NO. 2939

PRIME SPONSOR: Benham

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2023/24	FY 2024/25
General Fund	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY:

Amends several sections of Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to include telecommunicators within the definition of emergency responder.

ANALYSIS:

House Bill 2939, Printer's Number 2939 adds a definition of telecommunicator to §7102 (Definitions) of Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes. Telecommunicator is defined as an individual employed by a public safety answering point (PSAP) whose primary responsibility is to receive, process, transmit, or dispatch emergency and nonemergency calls for emergency medical, fire and rescue, law enforcement, or other public safety services via telephone, radio, or other communication device.

The bill also adds the newly defined term telecommunicator to the definition of emergency responder in §7332 of Title 35 dealing with intrastate mutual aid agreements and §75A01 dealing with Emergency Responder Mental Wellness and Stress Management.

The act will take effect in 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The only portion of the bill with direct implications to the provision of state services, and therefore with potential fiscal impact, is the portion dealing with §75A01 (Emergency Responder Mental Wellness and Stress Management). This section requires the Department of Health to provide health and wellness support to emergency responders. However, the existing definition of Emergency Responder in this section already includes 911 dispatchers, which largely encompasses those defined as telecommunicators. As such, this legislation should have no fiscal impact to the Commonwealth.

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