

**SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE  
FISCAL NOTE**

**BILL NO.** House Bill 859

**PRINTER NO.** 2086

**AMOUNT**

No Fiscal Impact

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**FUND**

9-1-1 Fund

General Fund

**DATE INTRODUCED**

March 18, 2019

**PRIME SPONSOR**

Representative Barrar

**DESCRIPTION**

House Bill 859 amends Title 35 providing for the reauthorization of Chapter 53 which provides funding for 9-1-1 emergency communication services, makes changes to the 9-1-1 board, and provides a recommendation for reauthorization.

This bill adds the State Fire Commissioner and the chairperson of the State Geospatial Coordination Board as voting members of the 9-1-1 board. It also adds a representative from the Ambulance Association and the PA Association of Councils of Governments as nonvoting members of the board.

The legislation requires that counties make geographic information system information available, including cooperation to develop public safety answering point (PSAP) boundaries and call routing.

Of the 15% allocated from the fund to be used for statewide system interconnectivity, House Bill 859 permits money to be utilized to purchase equipment that allows an individual to provide information to be available to PSAP personnel when a call is received.

House Bill 859 requires the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (agency) to maintain and update biennially an inventory of each county PSAP's status and capability to transition to Next Generation 911.

The expiration date of Chapter 53 is extended to January 31, 2024.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

House Bill 859 reauthorizes Chapter 53 which provides for imposition of fees to the 9-1-1 Fund for the operation of the PSAPs and other 9-1-1 services in the Commonwealth. The fees in total provide about \$313 million per year to cover these costs.

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The agency believes that any additional costs to maintain and update the PSAPs' inventory can be accommodated within current appropriations levels. The agency is authorized to utilize up to two percent of available 9-1-1 revenue for program operations.