

**SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
FISCAL NOTE**

BILL NO. Senate Bill 127

PRINTER NO. 419

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

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FUND

9-1-1 Fund

General Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

January 28, 2019

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Regan

DESCRIPTION

Senate Bill 127 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 requires a Legislative Budget and Finance Committee review and 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, Senate Bill 127 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.

The Legislative Budget and Finance Committee is required to review the reports required by Chapter 53 and provide a recommendation on the reauthorization of the chapter by December 31, 2020.

The expiration date of Chapter 53 is extended to June 30, 2021.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Senate Bill 127 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 Legislative Budget and Finance Committee estimates it will be able to perform the review within its estimated Fiscal Year 2020-21 appropriation. Due to the statutory requirement of other projects in 2020, the addition of this project may reduce the ability of the committee to allocate staff to additional projects requested by the General Assembly during that time frame.