
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY STEFANO, MENSCH, BAKER, BROOKS, FONTANA, GORDNER
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REFERRED TO VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS,
APRIL 27, 2021

A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to
2 conduct a performance audit on the provision of 911
3 communications service under 35 Pa.C.S. Ch. 53.

4 WHEREAS, It is critical to the health and safety of the
5 residents of this Commonwealth to have a highly functional 911
6 communications service; and

7 WHEREAS, A performance audit of 911 communications service in
8 this Commonwealth is necessary to understand which remedial and
9 regulatory changes will improve 911 communications service;
10 therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That the Senate direct the Legislative Budget and
12 Finance Committee to conduct a performance audit on the
13 provision of 911 communications service under 35 Pa.C.S. Ch. 53;
14 and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee,
16 in conducting the performance audit, have the following duties:

17 (1) Address the performance of 911 communications
18 service regarding administrative and regulatory activities.

1 (2) Make recommendations for remedial and regulatory
2 changes to implement 911 communications service for the
3 purposes specified under 35 Pa.C.S. Ch. 53.

4 (3) Review the annual reports required under this
5 chapter, 35 Pa.C.S. Ch. 53, the legislative report under 35
6 Pa.C.S. § 5313 and the inventory report under 35 Pa.C.S. §
7 5314.

8 (4) Review county public safety answering point
9 operations, including costs, hours of operation, staffing,
10 technologies and equipment, and similar operations in other
11 states.

12 (5) Make recommendations on the reauthorization of the
13 provisions of 35 Pa.C.S. Ch. 53 regarding revenues, fees,
14 surcharges, funding formulas, incentives for regional
15 cooperation and consolidation, having all 911 calls
16 dispatched from county public safety answering points, the
17 use of the Pennsylvania Amber Alert System and alternative
18 approaches to the collection of fees and surcharges;

19 and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency
21 make available all records, documents and any other information
22 to the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee that reasonably
23 relates to the conduct of the performance audit; and be it
24 further

25 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee
26 submit a report on the performance audit to all of the following
27 no later than November 30, 2022:

28 (1) The Governor.

29 (2) The director of the agency.

30 (3) The chair and minority chair of the Veterans Affairs

1 and Emergency Preparedness Committee of the Senate.

2 (4) The chair and minority chair of the Veterans Affairs
3 and Emergency Preparedness Committee of the House of
4 Representatives.