

CHAPTER 276

PUBLIC UTILITIES

SENATE BILL 16-183

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also REPRESENTATIVE(S) Williams and Lawrence, Ryden, Winter.

AN ACT

CONCERNING A CLARIFICATION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S INTENT TO MAINTAIN THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION'S AUTHORITY OVER BASIC EMERGENCY SERVICES WHILE PROHIBITING THE REGULATION OF INTERNET-PROTOCOL-ENABLED SERVICES BY DEFINING THE TERM "BASIC EMERGENCY SERVICE" IN A MANNER THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH SUCH INTENT, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** part 3 to article 11 of title 29 as follows:

PART 3
TASK FORCE ON 911 OVERSIGHT,
OUTAGE REPORTING, AND RELIABILITY

29-11-301. Task force on 911 oversight, outage reporting, and reliability - creation - membership. (1) (a) FOR THE PURPOSE OF STUDYING THE ISSUES SURROUNDING, AND MAKING FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF, THE DEPLOYMENT OF 911 SERVICE IN THE STATE OF COLORADO, THERE IS HEREBY CREATED THE TASK FORCE ON 911 OVERSIGHT, OUTAGE REPORTING, AND RELIABILITY, REFERRED TO IN THIS PART 3 AS THE TASK FORCE.

(b) THE TASK FORCE CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING SIX MEMBERS OF THE COLORADO GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

(I) THE SENATE PRESIDENT OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE, WHO SHALL SERVE AS CO-CHAIR OF THE TASK FORCE;

Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.

(II) THE SENATE MAJORITY LEADER OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE;

(III) THE SENATE MINORITY LEADER OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE;

(IV) THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE, WHO SHALL SERVE AS CO-CHAIR OF THE TASK FORCE;

(V) THE MAJORITY LEADER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE; AND

(VI) THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE.

(c) (I) THE APPOINTING AUTHORITIES LISTED IN PARAGRAPH (b) OF THIS SUBSECTION (1) SHALL MAKE THEIR APPOINTMENTS TO THE TASK FORCE NO LATER THAN JUNE 1, 2016.

(II) EACH MEMBER OF THE TASK FORCE SERVES AT THE PLEASURE OF THE AUTHORITY WHO APPOINTED THE MEMBER.

(2) THE TASK FORCE SHALL MEET AT THE CALL OF THE CO-CHAIRS AS OFTEN AS THREE TIMES DURING THE 2016 INTERIM. THE TASK FORCE MAY UTILIZE THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STAFF AND THE OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE LEGAL SERVICES TO ASSIST THE TASK FORCE.

29-11-302. Purpose of task force - study. (1) THE TASK FORCE SHALL:

(a) STUDY AND INVESTIGATE OTHER STATES' LAWS, RULES, AND PRACTICES CONCERNING 911 OVERSIGHT, OUTAGE REPORTING, AND RELIABILITY;

(b) CONSIDER WHETHER EXISTING LAWS, RULES, AND PRACTICES IN COLORADO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT PROTECTION FOR THE 911 NEEDS OF COLORADO; AND

(c) STUDY AND DETERMINE WHETHER THE CURRENT FUNDING SOURCES AND AMOUNT OF FUNDING ARE SUFFICIENT FOR PROVIDING EXISTING 911 SERVICE AND TRANSITIONING TO NEXT-GENERATION 911 SERVICE.

29-11-303. Reporting. ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 31, 2017, THE TASK FORCE SHALL REPORT ITS FINDINGS TO THE TRANSPORTATION AND ENERGY COMMITTEE IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE AGRICULTURE, NATURAL RESOURCES, AND ENERGY COMMITTEE IN THE SENATE, OR THEIR SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES.

29-11-304. Repeal. THIS PART 3 IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017.

SECTION 2. Appropriation. For the 2016-17 state fiscal year, \$19,698 is appropriated to the legislative department. This appropriation is from the general fund and is based on an assumption that the department will require an additional 0.3 FTE. The department may use this appropriation to implement this act.

SECTION 3. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

Approved: June 10, 2016