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HOUSE BILL 24-1016

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

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SENATE SPONSORSHIP

(None),

House Committees

Transportation, Housing & Local Government

Senate Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION SERVICES, AND, IN
102 CONNECTION THEREWITH, DEFINING THE TERM "EMERGENCY
103 COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST" AND CLARIFYING THE SCOPE OF
104 THE CURRENTLY AUTHORIZED USE OF CERTAIN EMERGENCY
105 TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE CHARGE REVENUE FOR
106 TRAINING AND SERVICES RENDERED BY AN EMERGENCY
107 COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST, OTHER PUBLIC SAFETY
108 ANSWERING POINT PERSONNEL, AND OTHER ESSENTIAL
109 EMERGENCY PERSONNEL.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.
Dashes through the words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law.

applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

The bill defines "emergency communications specialist" as a first responder whose duties involve emergency and nonemergency dispatch services. The bill also clarifies that the currently authorized use of the emergency telephone charge, the 911 surcharge, and the prepaid wireless 911 charge, for training for public safety answering point (PSAP) personnel includes training for emergency communications specialists, technical support PSAP personnel, and other personnel essential for the provision of emergency telephone services, emergency notification services, and emergency medical dispatch.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 29-11-101, **add**
3 (10.5) as follows:

4 **29-11-101. Definitions.** As used in this part 1, unless the context
5 otherwise requires:

6 (10.5) "EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST" MEANS A
7 FIRST RESPONDER WHOSE OPERATIONAL OR SUPERVISORY
8 RESPONSIBILITIES CRITICAL TO PUBLIC SAFETY ARE TO EXERCISE
9 INDEPENDENT JUDGMENT IN THE EXECUTION OF DUTIES THAT INCLUDE,
10 BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO, RECEIVING, TRIAGING, PROCESSING,
11 TRANSMITTING, OR DISPATCHING 911 EMERGENCY AND NONEMERGENCY
12 CALLS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT, FIRE, EMERGENCY MEDICAL, AND OTHER
13 PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES BY TELEPHONE, RADIO, OR OTHER
14 COMMUNICATION DEVICE; OR TRACKING, PROCESSING, AND TRANSMITTING
15 RELEVANT INFORMATION FROM THE PUBLIC AND OTHER RESOURCES TO
16 FIELD RESPONDERS; OR PROVIDING EMERGENCY MEDICAL DISPATCH.

17 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 29-11-104, **amend**
18 (2)(a)(I)(C) as follows:

19 **29-11-104. Use of funds collected.** (2) (a) (I) Money collected

1 from the emergency telephone charge imposed pursuant to section
2 29-11-102, the 911 surcharge imposed pursuant to section 29-11-102.3,
3 and the prepaid wireless 911 charge imposed pursuant to section
4 29-11-102.5 shall be spent by or on behalf of a governing body solely to
5 pay for:

6 (C) Costs related to the provision of the emergency notification
7 service and emergency telephone service, including costs associated with
8 total implementation of both services by emergency service providers,
9 including costs for programming, emergency medical services provided
10 by telephone, radio equipment within the PSAP, and training for PSAP
11 personnel INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS
12 SPECIALISTS, TECHNICAL SUPPORT PERSONNEL RESPONSIBLE FOR THE
13 MAINTENANCE OF PSAP SYSTEMS, AND OTHER PERSONNEL ESSENTIAL TO
14 THE PROVISION OF EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SERVICES, EMERGENCY
15 NOTIFICATION SERVICES, AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL DISPATCH;

16 **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
17 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
18 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except
19 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V
20 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
21 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take
22 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
23 November 2024 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
24 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.