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SENATE BILL No. 11

By Committee on Utilities

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AN ACT concerning emergency communication services; relating to the state 911 board and public safety answering points; requiring the state 911 board to establish minimum training requirements for 911 telecommunicators to receive 911 telecommunicator-cardiopulmonary resuscitation training and continuous education in telecommunicator-cardiopulmonary resuscitation; amending K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 12-5384 and repealing the existing section.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 12-5384 is hereby amended to read as follows: 12-5384. (a) The state 911 board shall:

(1) Coordinate E-911 services and next generation 911 services in the state;

(2) implement statewide 911 communications planning;

(3) monitor the delivery of 911communications services in the state;

(4) develop strategies for future enhancements to the 911 system;

(5) administer and oversee grants to PSAPs;

(6) develop technology standards;

(7) establish minimum training requirements for*:*

(A) PSAP personnel, GIS technicians and information technology technicians with respect to the statewide NG911 call handling system technology to ensure public safety across Kansas; *and*

(B) all 911 telecommunicators employed in this state who provide dispatch for emergency medical conditions as part of such telecommunicator's regular duties in accordance with the 911 telecommunicator-cardiopulmonary resuscitation training requirements established pursuant to subsection (f);

(8) employ a full-time executive director; and

(9) make an annual report of all expenditures from the 911 fees imposed pursuant to K.S.A. 12-5369 and 12-5371, and amendments thereto, to the house of representatives standing committee on energy, utilities and telecommunications and the senate standing committee on utilities or their successor committees.

(b) The state 911 board may:

(1) Contract with any person to assist in the performance of the powers, duties and functions of the board;

(2) reimburse state agencies or independent contractors for expenses incurred in carrying out the powers, duties and functions of the board;

(3) apply for grants under the federal 911 grant program;

(4) recommend training for general PSAP operations;

(5) enter into and support agreements for the interstate and interlocal interconnection of ESInet service; and

(6) adopt rules and regulations as the board deems necessary for the implementation and administration of the Kansas 911 act~~, except that~~.

(c) The *state 911* board shall not establish a mandatory certification program for PSAP operations or PSAP emergency communications personnel *except that the board may establish a mandatory certification program for 911 telecommunicator-cardiopulmonary resuscitation training in accordance with subsection (f)*.

~~(c)~~*(d)* The state 911 board may impose a civil penalty upon any provider that fails to collect the 911 fees pursuant to K.S.A. 12-5369, and amendments thereto, or remit such fees pursuant to K.S.A. 12-5370, and amendments thereto. Such written order shall state the violation, the penalty to be imposed and the right of the provider to appeal and request a hearing before the board. Any such provider may, within 15 days after service of the order, make a written request to the board for a hearing thereon. Hearings under this subsection shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Kansas administrative procedure act. Any action of the board to impose a penalty shall be subject to review in accordance with the Kansas judicial review act. Any civil penalty recovered pursuant to this subsection shall be deposited in the 911 state grant fund.

~~(d)~~*(e)* (1) The executive director of the state 911 board shall:

(A) Be the administrative officer of the board;

(B) be in the unclassified service of the Kansas civil service act; and

(C) receive an annual salary set by the board.

(2) The executive director may hire, subject to the approval of the board, assistant directors and employees as deemed necessary by the board. Any such assistant directors or employees shall be in the unclassified service of the Kansas civil service act.

~~(e) The provisions of this section shall take effect and be in force on and after July 1, 2025.~~

(f) The minimum 911 telecommunicator-cardiopulmonary resuscitation training established by the state 911 board shall include training and continuing education instruction that uses current nationally recognized emergency cardiovascular care guidelines in high-quality telecommunicator-cardiopulmonary resuscitation. Such instruction shall incorporate recognition protocols for out-of-hospital cardiac arrest and compression-only cardiopulmonary resuscitation instructions for callers. The state 911 board shall monitor and enforce adherence of such training

and continuing education instruction for all 911 telecommunicators employed in this state who provide dispatch for emergency medical conditions as part of such telecommunicator's regular duties.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 12-5384 is hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.