### SESSION OF 2025

### **SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2110**

As Amended by Senate Committee on Utilities

#### **Brief\***

HB 2110, as amended, would amend the Kansas 911 Act, as amended by 2024 HB 2690, to remove the requirement that the State 911 Board contract with a local collection point administrator for services; reschedule when certain 911 funds would be established and moneys transferred; require an immediate transfer to the State 911 Operations Fund on July 1, 2025; authorize the State 911 Board to make certain annual transfers; and remove the 911 fee transfer cap on the State 911 Grant Fund. The bill would also make technical changes.

The bill would be in effect upon publication in the Kansas Register.

### Removing Contract Requirement

The bill would remove the requirement that the State 911 Board (Board) contract with a local collection point administrator (LCPA) for services. Any statutory references to an LCPA would be removed. All obligations and responsibilities currently required by an LCPA would be assumed by the Board. Certain provisions pertaining to the LCPAs would expire on January 1, 2026.

<sup>\*</sup>Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <a href="https://klrd.gov/">https://klrd.gov/</a>

### Distribution to 911 Funds (New Section 1)

The Board would be required to remit 911 fees to the State Treasurer, who would then deposit the entire amount into the State Treasury and credit the following funds from every 911 fee remitted:

- \$0.23 to the State 911 Operations Fund (Operations Fund);
  - If the amount credited to the Operations Fund exceeds 15 percent of the total amount of 911 fees remitted over the prior 3 years, the State Treasurer would credit any amount in excess of the 15 percent total to the State 911 Grant Fund;
- \$0.01 to the State 911 Grant Fund (Grant Fund);
  and
- The remaining amount to the State 911 Fund.

This section would go into effect January 1, 2026.

## One-time Transfer and Discretionary Annual Transfers (Section 12)

The bill would also require an immediate transfer of \$1.0 million to the Operations Fund on July 1, 2025, by the Board or the entity contracted by the Board for services.

The bill would authorize the Board to make discretionary annual transfers of any unencumbered moneys from the Operations Fund from a prior fiscal year to the Grant Fund once per fiscal year provided the transfer would not impair the Board's ability to meet its statutory obligations.

# State 911 Operations Fund (Section 12), State 911 Grant Fund (Section 13), and State 911 Fund (Section 14)

The bill would reschedule when the Operations Fund, Grant Fund, and State 911 Fund are to be established in the State Treasury. In current law, these funds are to be established on January 1, 2026. The bill would require the funds to be created on July 1, 2025.

The bill would also reschedule when the 911 fee moneys held outside the State Treasury are to be transferred to these funds. Currently, these transfers are scheduled for January 1, 2026. The bill would require the transfers to be made on January 2, 2026.

### Removing 911 Fee Transfer Cap (Section 4)

The bill would remove the 911 fee transfer cap on the Grant Fund. Currently, \$0.01 of each 911 fee is deposited into the Grant Fund whenever the balance of the fund is less than \$2.0 million. The bill would eliminate the \$2.0 million cap, and \$0.01 from every 911 fee would be deposited into the Grant Fund, regardless of the balance of the Grant Fund.

### **Background**

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications at the request of a representative of the Kansas 911 Coordinating Council.

## House Committee on Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications

In the House Committee hearing, **proponent** testimony was provided by the Executive Director of the Kansas 911 Coordinating Council/State 911 Board. The proponent explained that the scheduled creations of the various funds, which were created by 2024 HB 2690, need to be

rescheduled and the funds created earlier than anticipated. The proponent stated the bill would reduce administrative costs for the Kansas Department of Administration and the Kansas 911 Coordinating Council, and the other proposed changes in the bill would allow a greater flexibility of 911 funds to be utilized by the Board. The proponent also stated that the bill would clarify language relating to the minimum distribution of funds for counties with more than one public answering safety point (PSAP).

No other testimony was provided.

### Senate Committee on Utilities

In the Senate Committee hearing, **proponent** testimony was provided by the Executive Director of the Kansas 911 Coordinating Council/State 911 Board that was substantially similar to the testimony provided to the House Committee.

No other testimony was provided.

The Senate Committee amended the bill to change the effective date of the bill from upon publication in the statute book to upon publication in the *Kansas Register*.

#### **Fiscal Information**

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, as introduced, the State 911 Board indicates the bill would not affect agency operations. The Board states that the potential increase in the State 911 Grant Fund could reduce the reliance on local general funds for equipment because more funds could be available to distribute. Any fiscal effect associated with enactment of the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2026 Governor's Budget Report*.

The Kansas Association of Counties states the bill could affect revenues to local PSAPs; however, the fiscal effect cannot be estimated. The League of Kansas Municipalities states the bill could decrease the amounts of revenue to cities since the distribution amounts are unknown but it cannot estimate a precise fiscal effect.

Kansas 911 Act; State 911 Board; State 911 Fund; State 911 Operations Fund; State 911 Grant Fund