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SYNOPSIS

Prioritizes distribution of 9-1-1 System and Emergency Response Trust Fund monies; permits use of funds for certain expenses incurred by counties and municipalities for the provision and maintenance of 9-1-1 emergency services.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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1 AN ACT concerning the "9-1-1 System and Emergency Response
2 Trust Fund Account" and amending P.L.2004, c.48.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. Section 3 of P.L.2004 c.48 (C.52:17C-19) is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 3. a. There is established in the Department of the Treasury
10 within the General Fund a special account to be known as the "9-1-
11 1 System and Emergency Response Trust Fund Account."

12 b. Funds credited to the "9-1-1 System and Emergency
13 Response Trust Fund Account" shall be annually appropriated for
14 the purposes of paying:

15 (1) eligible costs pursuant to the provisions of sections 13 and
16 14 of P.L.1989, c.3 (C.52:17C-13 and 52:17C-14);

17 (2) the costs of funding the State's capital equipment (including
18 debt service), facilities and operating expenses that arise from
19 emergency response;

20 (3) the cost of emergency response training, including any
21 related costs or expenses of the Office of Emergency Management
22 in the Division of State Police in the Department of Law and Public
23 Safety;

24 (4) the cost of operating the Office of Emergency
25 Telecommunications Services created pursuant to section 3 of
26 P.L.1989, c.3 (C.52:17C-3);

27 (5) the cost of operating the Statewide Public Safety
28 Communications Commission created pursuant to section 5 of
29 P.L.2011, c.4 (C.52:17C-3.2);

30 (6) any costs associated with implementing any requirement of
31 the Federal Communications Commission concerning 9-1-1 service
32 that is not otherwise allocated to a carrier and not eligible for
33 reimbursement under law or regulation;

34 (7) any costs associated with planning, designing or
35 implementing an automatic location identification technology that is
36 not otherwise allocated to a wireless carrier and not eligible for
37 reimbursement under law or regulation; **[and]**

38 (8) any costs associated with planning, designing or acquiring
39 replacement equipment or systems (including debt service) related
40 to the enhanced 9-1-1 network as defined by subsection e. of
41 section 1 of P.L.1989, c.3 (C.52:17C-1) ; and

42 (9) any costs incurred by counties and municipalities for the
43 provision and maintenance of 9-1-1 emergency services including,
44 but not limited to, costs associated with emergency response
45 training, operating expenses, and capital expenses.

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 c. The Attorney General shall promulgate rules and regulations
2 necessary to allocate 9-1-1 System and Emergency Response Trust
3 Fund Account monies to county, regional, and municipal public
4 safety answering points. Funds shall be prioritized for distribution
5 to county, regionalized, or large centralized public safety answering
6 points. To the extent available, funds shall then be distributed to
7 other local public safety answering points.
8 (cf: P.L.2013, c.245, s.1)
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10 2. This act shall take effect immediately.
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13 STATEMENT
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15 This bill permits funds from the "9-1-1 System and Emergency
16 Response Trust Fund Account" to be appropriated for the purposes
17 of paying for certain costs incurred by counties and municipalities
18 for the provision and maintenance of 9-1-1 emergency services and
19 prioritizes funds.

20 Currently, pursuant to N.J.S.A.52:17C-19, funds in the trust fund
21 account are allocated for the following purposes:

22 (1) the costs incurred in the initial installation of the Statewide
23 enhanced 9-1-1 network and for the costs incurred by a county for
24 the employment of a county 9-1-1 coordinator in an amount not to
25 exceed \$25,000 per county 9-1-1 coordinator (N.J.S.A.52:17C-13)
26 as well as the installation, operation, and maintenance costs
27 required to provide wireless enhanced 9-1-1 services
28 (N.J.S.A.52:17C-14);

29 (2) the costs of funding the State's capital equipment (including
30 debt service), facilities, and operating expenses that arise from
31 emergency response;

32 (3) the cost of emergency response training, including any
33 related costs or expenses of the Office of Emergency Management
34 in the Division of State Police in the Department of Law and Public
35 Safety;

36 (4) the cost of operating the Office of Emergency
37 Telecommunications Services;

38 (5) the cost of operating the Statewide Public Safety
39 Communications Commission;

40 (6) any costs associated with implementing any requirement of
41 the Federal Communications Commission concerning 9-1-1 service
42 that is not otherwise allocated to a carrier and not eligible for
43 reimbursement under law or regulation;

44 (7) any costs associated with planning, designing, or
45 implementing an automatic location identification technology that is
46 not otherwise allocated to a wireless carrier and not eligible for
47 reimbursement under law or regulation; and

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1 (8) any costs associated with planning, designing or acquiring
2 replacement equipment or systems (including debt service) related
3 to the enhanced 9-1-1 network.

4 This bill provides that funds in the 9-1-1 System and Emergency
5 Response Trust Fund Account may also be allocated for costs
6 incurred by counties and municipalities for the provision and
7 maintenance of 9-1-1 emergency services including, but not limited
8 to, costs associated with emergency response training, operating
9 expenses, and capital expenses.

10 Finally, the bill requires funds to be distributed on a prioritized
11 basis first to county, regionalized, or large centralized public safety
12 answering points, followed by other local public safety answering
13 points.