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BILL SUMMARY

911 Wire-line HF 2254

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Background

This bill continues to address issues related to wire-line and wireless 911, specifically targeting upgrades. HF 2254 would make no alterations to the current 911 wireline surcharge collection or distribution process. Additionally, 60 % of the fund would continue to pass to the local public safety answering points (PSAPs), and after enactment, locals will have the ability to retain more money due to the removal of specific spending requirements on certain equipment.

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The Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (Department) is required to implement a plan to consolidate wire-line 911 calls with the Next Generation 911 Network. This will result in requiring wire-line 911 calls to be processed with IP technology and will ultimately reduce the number of dropped calls due to the redundancies within the system. The Department will notify each Joint 911 Service Board of the Department's ability to take over their 911 calls. The locals will continue to retain the monies they have always collected.

Local PSAPs will have the opportunity to opt-in to shared call processing equipment (CPE) with the Department. The Department currently contracts with Zetron, which gives PSAP's the ability to opt-in at any time. Generally speaking, CPE is the screen image at the PSAP. Zetron customizes that interface for each PSAP, which produces a seamless transition. If a PSAP decides to opt-in, they will no longer be required to purchase and maintain their CPE and will generate cost savings. If all PSAPs participated, the current estimation for statewide savings would be \$6.6 million. The Department will compensate Zetron as part of the Department's network expenses and obligations.

Wireless carriers would no longer be reimbursed for their implementation of wireless Phase 1 Services and the integration of the Next Generation 911 network.

Section 8's language of this bill would eliminate the required predetermined distribution order for FY 2018's remaining \$7 million fund and would become effective July 1, 2018. The elimination of this limitation would generate a surplus of funds that could potentially be distributed. All other provisions within this bill would become effective upon enactment.

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