

INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2021-048

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1156

By: Representative Ladyman

Filed with: Arkansas Legislative Council
pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO ENHANCE THE 911 SYSTEM IN ARKANSAS; TO
MODIFY THE DISTRIBUTION OF MONEYS IN THE ARKANSAS
HIGH COST FUND; TO MODIFY THE DISTRIBUTION OF MONEYS
IN THE ARKANSAS 911 RURAL ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM FUND;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO ENHANCE THE 911 SYSTEM IN ARKANSAS; TO
MODIFY THE DISTRIBUTION OF MONEYS IN THE
ARKANSAS HIGH COST FUND; AND TO MODIFY
THE DISTRIBUTION OF MONEYS IN THE
ARKANSAS 911 RURAL ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM
FUND.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 23-17-404(e)(4)(A)(iii), concerning the
AHCF allocation of the Arkansas 911 Rural Enhancement Program Fund, is
amended to read as follows:

(iii)(a) There is created an AHCF allocation to be
known as the “Arkansas 911 Rural Enhancement Program Fund”.

(b) The Arkansas 911 Rural Enhancement Program
Fund shall receive a maximum of three million dollars (\$3,000,000) per year
to:

1 (1) Advance the goals of universal
2 service and help ensure that rural areas within the State of Arkansas have
3 access to 911 services that are comparable to 911 services in urban areas
4 within the state; and

5 (2) Provide funding to:

6 (A) The statewide Smart911 system
7 established in Acts 2012, No. 213;

8 (B) The SmartPrepare ~~System~~
9 system; and

10 (C) 911 administrative ~~systems for~~
11 ~~emergency management under the Arkansas Emergency Services Act of 1973, § 12-~~
12 ~~75-101 et seq~~ costs for the Arkansas 911 Board under the Arkansas Public
13 Safety Communications and Next Generation 911 Act of 2019, § 12-10-301 et
14 seq.

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16 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 23-17-404(e)(6)(A), concerning the amount
17 of AHCF allocation to the Arkansas 911 Rural Enhancement Program Fund, is
18 amended to read as follows:

19 (6)(A) Three million dollars (\$3,000,000) shall be transferred
20 annually from the AHCF to the ~~Division of Emergency Management~~ Arkansas 911
21 Board on a quarterly basis for the Arkansas 911 Rural Enhancement Program
22 Fund to fund:

23 (i) The statewide Smart911 system in the amount of
24 six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000) annually;

25 (ii) The SmartPrepare system in the amount of two
26 hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$225,000) annually;

27 (iii) ~~The 911 administration system for emergency~~
28 ~~management under the Arkansas Emergency Services Act of 1973, § 12-75-101 et~~
29 ~~seq.,~~ Administrative costs of the Arkansas 911 Board in the amount of one
30 hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$175,000) annually; and

31 (iv) Arkansas counties for 911 public safety
32 answering points in the amount of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) annually.

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35 Referred requested by the Arkansas House of Representatives

36 Prepared by: MBM/KFW

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