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4

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1156

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For An Act To Be Entitled

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

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16 TO ENHANCE THE 911 SYSTEM IN ARKANSAS; TO
17 MODIFY THE DISTRIBUTION OF MONEYS IN THE
18 ARKANSAS HIGH COST FUND; AND TO MODIFY
19 THE DISTRIBUTION OF MONEYS IN THE
20 ARKANSAS 911 RURAL ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM
21 FUND.
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 23-17-404(e)(4)(A)(iii), concerning the
27 AHCF allocation of the Arkansas 911 Rural Enhancement Program Fund, is
28 amended to read as follows:

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

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

34 (1) Advance the goals of universal
35 service and help ensure that rural areas within the State of Arkansas have
36 access to 911 services that are comparable to 911 services in urban areas



1 within the state; and

2 (2) Provide funding to:

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

5 (B) The SmartPrepare ~~System~~
6 system; and

7 (C) 911 administrative ~~systems for~~
8 ~~emergency management under the Arkansas Emergency Services Act of 1973, § 12-~~
9 ~~75-101 et seq~~ costs for the Arkansas 911 Board under the Arkansas Public
10 Safety Communications and Next Generation 911 Act of 2019, § 12-10-301 et
11 seq.

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

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

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

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

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

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