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SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5335

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By Senate Committee on Economic Development & Telecommunications
(originally sponsored by Senators Snyder, Deccio, T. Sheldon, Morton,
B. Sheldon, Hochstatter, Parlette, Sheahan, Hewitt, Haugen, Oke,
McCaslin and Honeyford)

READ FIRST TIME 02/15/01.

1   AN ACT Relating to the authority of the statewide enhanced 911
2 program to support the statewide enhanced 911 system; amending RCW
3 38.52.540; adding a new section to chapter 38.52 RCW; creating a
4 new section; providing an effective date; and declaring an
5 emergency.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

7   NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 1.**   The legislature finds that the statewide
8 emergency communications network of enhanced 911 telephone
9 service, which allows an immediate display of a caller's
10 identification and location, has served to further the safety,
11 health, and welfare of the state's citizens, and has saved lives.
12   The legislature further finds that statewide operation and
13 management of the enhanced 911 system will create efficiencies of
14 operation and permit greater local control of county 911
15 operations, and further that some counties will continue to need
16 assistance from the state to maintain minimum enhanced 911 service
17 levels.
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Sec. 2. RCW 38.52.540 and 1998 c 304 s 14 are each amended to read as follows:

The enhanced 911 account is created in the state treasury. All receipts from the state enhanced 911 excise tax imposed by RCW 82.14B.030 shall be deposited into the account. Moneys in the account shall be used only to ((help implement and operate enhanced 911 statewide. Moneys in the account may be used to provide salary assistance on a temporary basis not to exceed three years to counties with a population of less than seventy-five thousand that need additional resources to cover unfunded costs that can be shown to result from handling 911 calls. Moneys in the account may be used to assist multicounty regions, including ongoing salary assistance for multicounty regions consisting of counties with populations of less than seventy-five thousand. However,)) support the statewide coordination and management of the enhanced 911 system and to help supplement, within available funds, the operational costs of the system. Funds shall not be distributed to any county that has not imposed the maximum county enhanced 911 taxes allowed under RCW 82.14B.030 (1) and (2). The state enhanced 911 coordinator, with the advice and assistance of the enhanced 911 advisory committee, is authorized to enter into statewide agreements to improve the efficiency of enhanced 911 services for all counties and shall specify by rule the additional purposes for which moneys, if available, may be expended from this account.

NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 38.52 RCW to read as follows:

In specifying rules defining the purposes for which available moneys may be expended, the state enhanced 911 coordinator, with the advice and assistance of the enhanced 911 advisory committee, shall consider base needs of individual counties for specific assistance. Priorities for available enhanced 911 funding are as follows: (1) To assure that 911 dialing is operational statewide; (2) to assist counties as necessary to assure that they can achieve a basic service level for 911 operations; and (3) to assist counties as practicable to acquire items of a capital nature appropriate to increasing 911 effectiveness.

1   <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 4.** This act is necessary for the immediate
2 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of
3 the state government and its existing public institutions, and
4 takes effect July 1, 2001.

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