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**SENATE BILL 5335**

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**By** Senators Snyder, Deccio, T. Sheldon, Morton, B. Sheldon, Hochstatter, Parlette, Sheahan, Hewitt, Haugen, Oke, McCaslin and Honeyford

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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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1       **Sec. 2.** RCW 38.52.540 and 1998 c 304 s 14 are each amended to read  
2 as follows:

3       The enhanced 911 account is created in the state treasury. All  
4 receipts from the state enhanced 911 excise tax imposed by RCW  
5 82.14B.030 shall be deposited into the account. Moneys in the  
6 account shall be used only to help ~~((implement and))~~ operate  
7 enhanced 911 statewide. ~~((Moneys in the account may be used to  
8 provide salary assistance on a temporary basis not to exceed three  
9 years to counties with a population of less than seventy five  
10 thousand that need additional resources to cover unfunded costs  
11 that can be shown to result from handling 911 calls. Moneys in the  
12 account may be used to assist multicounty regions, including  
13 ongoing salary assistance for multicounty regions consisting of  
14 counties with populations of less than seventy five  
15 thousand. However,))~~ Funds shall not be distributed to any county  
16 that has not imposed the maximum county enhanced 911 taxes allowed  
17 under RCW 82.14B.030 (1) and (2). The state enhanced 911  
18 coordinator, with the advice and assistance of the enhanced 911  
19 advisory committee, shall specify by rule the purposes for which  
20 moneys may be expended from this account.

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

23       In specifying rules defining the purposes for which moneys may  
24 be expended, the state enhanced 911 coordinator, with the advice  
25 and assistance of the enhanced 911 advisory committee, is  
26 authorized to enter into statewide agreements to improve the  
27 efficiency of 911 services for all counties and shall consider  
28 base needs of individual counties for specific  
29 assistance. Priorities for enhanced 911 funding are: First, to  
30 assure that 911 dialing is operational statewide; second, to  
31 assist as necessary to assure that counties can achieve a basic  
32 service level for 911 operations; and third, to assist counties as  
33 practicable to acquire items of a capital nature appropriate to  
34 increasing 911 effectiveness.

35       NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act is necessary for the immediate

1 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of  
2 the state government and its existing public institutions, and  
3 takes effect July 1, 2001.

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