
SENATE BILL 6846

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1 AN ACT Relating to enhanced 911 emergency communications services;
2 amending RCW 82.14B.010, 82.14B.040, 82.14B.042, 82.14B.060,
3 82.14B.061, 82.14B.150, 82.14B.160, 82.14B.200, 38.52.510, 38.52.520,
4 38.52.530, 38.52.532, 38.52.545, 38.52.550, 38.52.561, and 43.79A.040;
5 reenacting and amending RCW 82.14B.020, 82.14B.030, and 38.52.540;
6 adding new sections to chapter 82.14B RCW; creating a new section;
7 repealing RCW 82.14B.070, 82.14B.090, and 82.14B.100; prescribing
8 penalties; and providing effective dates.

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

10 **Sec. 1.** RCW 82.14B.010 and 1991 c 54 s 9 are each amended to read
11 as follows:

12 The legislature finds that the state and counties should be
13 provided with an additional revenue source to fund enhanced 911
14 emergency communications systems throughout the state on a
15 multicounty((7)) or countywide((7—~~or~~—~~district wide~~)) basis. The
16 legislature further finds that the most efficient and appropriate
17 method of deriving additional revenue for this purpose is to impose an
18 excise tax on the use of switched access lines, radio access lines, and
19 interconnected voice over internet protocol service lines.

1 **Sec. 2.** RCW 82.14B.020 and 2007 c 54 s 16 and 2007 c 6 s 1009 are
2 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

3 As used in this chapter:

4 (1) "Emergency services communication system" means a
5 multicounty(~~(7)~~) or countywide(~~(, or districtwide radio or landline)~~)
6 communications network, including an enhanced 911 (~~(telephone)~~)
7 emergency communications system, which provides rapid public access for
8 coordinated dispatching of services, personnel, equipment, and
9 facilities for police, fire, medical, or other emergency services.

10 (2) "Enhanced 911 (~~(telephone)~~) emergency communications system"
11 means a public (~~(telephone)~~) communications system consisting of a
12 network, database, and on-premises equipment that is accessed by
13 dialing or accessing 911 and that enables reporting police, fire,
14 medical, or other emergency situations to a public safety answering
15 point. The system includes the capability to selectively route
16 incoming 911 (~~(calls)~~) voice or data to the appropriate public safety
17 answering point that operates in a defined 911 service area and the
18 capability to automatically display the name, address, and telephone
19 number of incoming 911 (~~(calls)~~) voice or data at the appropriate
20 public safety answering point. "Enhanced 911 emergency communications
21 system" includes the modernization to next generation 911 systems.

22 (3) "Interconnected voice over internet protocol service" has the
23 same meaning as provided by the federal communications commission in 47
24 C.F.R. Sec. 9.3 on January 1, 2009, or a subsequent date determined by
25 the department.

26 (4) "Interconnected voice over internet protocol service line"
27 means an interconnected voice over internet protocol service that
28 offers an active telephone number or successor dialing protocol
29 assigned by a voice over internet protocol provider to a voice over
30 internet protocol service customer that has inbound and outbound
31 calling capability, which can directly access a public safety answering
32 point when such a voice over internet protocol service customer has a
33 place of primary use in the state.

34 (5) "Switched access line" means the telephone service line which
35 connects a subscriber's main telephone(s) or equivalent main
36 telephone(s) to the local exchange company's switching office.

37 (~~(+4)~~) (6) "Local exchange company" has the meaning ascribed to it
38 in RCW 80.04.010.

1 ~~((+5))~~ (7) "Radio access line" means the telephone number assigned
2 to or used by a subscriber for two-way local wireless voice service
3 available to the public for hire from a radio communications service
4 company. Radio access lines include, but are not limited to, radio-
5 telephone communications lines used in cellular telephone service,
6 personal communications services, and network radio access lines, or
7 their functional and competitive equivalent. Radio access lines do not
8 include lines that provide access to one-way signaling service, such as
9 paging service, or to communications channels suitable only for data
10 transmission, or to nonlocal radio access line service, such as
11 wireless roaming service, or to a private telecommunications system.

12 ~~((+6))~~ (8) "Radio communications service company" has the meaning
13 ascribed to it in RCW 80.04.010, except that it does not include radio
14 paging providers. It does include those persons or entities that
15 provide commercial mobile radio services, as defined by 47 U.S.C. Sec.
16 332(d)(1), and both facilities-based and nonfacilities-based resellers.

17 ~~((+7))~~ (9) "Private telecommunications system" has the meaning
18 ascribed to it in RCW 80.04.010.

19 ~~((+8))~~ (10) "Subscriber" means the retail purchaser of
20 ~~((telephone))~~ telecommunications service ~~((as telephone service is~~
21 ~~defined in RCW 82.16.010)),~~ a competitive telephone service, or
22 interconnected voice over internet protocol service.

23 ~~((+9))~~ (11) "Place of primary use" ~~((has the meaning ascribed to~~
24 ~~it in RCW 82.04.065))~~ means the street address representative of where
25 the subscriber's use of the radio access line or interconnected voice
26 over internet protocol service line occurs, which must be:

27 (a) The residential street address or primary business street
28 address of the subscriber; and

29 (b) In the case of radio access lines, within the licensed service
30 area of the home service provider.

31 **Sec. 3.** RCW 82.14B.030 and 2007 c 54 s 17 and 2007 c 6 s 1024 are
32 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

33 (1) The legislative authority of a county may impose a county
34 enhanced 911 excise tax on the use of switched access lines in an
35 amount not exceeding ~~((fifty))~~ seventy cents per month for each
36 switched access line. The amount of tax ~~((shall))~~ must be uniform for
37 each switched access line. Each county ~~((shall))~~ must provide notice

1 of (~~such~~) the tax to all local exchange companies serving in the
2 county at least sixty days in advance of the date on which the first
3 payment is due. The tax imposed under this subsection must be remitted
4 to the department by local exchange companies on a tax return provided
5 by the department. The tax must be deposited in the county enhanced 911
6 excise tax account as provided in section 4 of this act.

7 (2) The legislative authority of a county may also impose a county
8 enhanced 911 excise tax on the use of radio access lines whose place of
9 primary use is located within the county in an amount not exceeding
10 (~~fifty~~) seventy cents per month for each radio access line. The
11 amount of tax (~~shall~~) must be uniform for each radio access line.
12 The county (~~shall~~) must provide notice of (~~such~~) the tax to all
13 radio communications service companies serving in the county at least
14 sixty days in advance of the date on which the first payment is due.
15 Any county imposing this tax (~~shall~~) must include in its ordinance a
16 refund mechanism whereby the amount of any tax ordered to be refunded
17 by the judgment of a court of record, or as a result of the resolution
18 of any appeal therefrom, (~~shall~~) must be refunded to the radio
19 communications service company or local exchange company that collected
20 the tax, and those companies (~~shall~~) must reimburse the subscribers
21 who paid the tax. The ordinance (~~shall~~) must further provide that to
22 the extent the subscribers who paid the tax cannot be identified or
23 located, the tax paid by those subscribers (~~shall~~) must be returned
24 to the county. The tax imposed under this section must be remitted to
25 the department by radio communications service companies, including
26 those companies that resell radio access lines, on a tax return
27 provided by the department. The tax must be deposited in the county
28 enhanced 911 excise tax account as provided in section 4 of this act.

29 (3)(a) The legislative authority of a county may impose a county
30 enhanced 911 excise tax on the use of interconnected voice over
31 internet protocol service lines in an amount not exceeding seventy
32 cents per month for each interconnected voice over internet protocol
33 service line. The amount of tax must be uniform for each line and must
34 be levied on no more than the number of voice over internet protocol
35 service lines on an account that are capable of simultaneous
36 unrestricted outward calling to the public switched telephone network.

37 (b) The interconnected voice over internet protocol service company
38 must use the place of primary use of the subscriber to determine which

1 county's enhanced 911 excise tax applies to the service provided to the
2 subscriber. Each county must provide notice of the tax to all voice
3 over internet protocol service companies serving in the county at least
4 sixty days in advance of the date on which the first payment is due.

5 (c) The tax imposed under this section must be remitted to the
6 department by interconnected voice over internet protocol service
7 companies on a tax return provided by the department.

8 (d) The tax must be deposited in the county enhanced 911 excise tax
9 account as provided in section 4 of this act.

10 (e) To the extent that a local exchange carrier and an
11 interconnected voice over internet protocol service company jointly
12 provide a single service line, only one service company is responsible
13 for remitting the enhanced 911 excise taxes, and nothing in this
14 section precludes service companies who jointly provide service lines
15 from agreeing by contract which of them shall remit the taxes
16 collected.

17 (4) Counties imposing a county enhanced 911 excise tax must provide
18 an annual update to the enhanced 911 coordinator detailing the
19 proportion of their county enhanced 911 excise tax that is being spent
20 on:

21 (a) Efforts to modernize their existing enhanced 911 communications
22 system; and

23 (b) Enhanced 911 operational costs.

24 (5) A state enhanced 911 excise tax is imposed on all switched
25 access lines in the state. The amount of tax (~~shall~~) may not exceed
26 twenty-five cents per month for each switched access line. The tax
27 (~~shall~~) must be uniform for each switched access line. The tax
28 imposed under this subsection (~~shall~~) must be remitted to the
29 department (~~of revenue~~) by local exchange companies on a tax return
30 provided by the department. Tax proceeds (~~shall~~) must be deposited
31 by the treasurer in the enhanced 911 account created in RCW 38.52.540.

32 (~~(4)~~) (6) A state enhanced 911 excise tax is imposed on all radio
33 access lines whose place of primary use is located within the state in
34 an amount of twenty-five cents per month for each radio access line.
35 The tax (~~shall~~) must be uniform for each radio access line. The tax
36 imposed under this section (~~shall~~) must be remitted to the department
37 (~~of revenue~~) by radio communications service companies, including
38 those companies that resell radio access lines, on a tax return

1 provided by the department. Tax proceeds (~~shall~~) must be deposited
2 by the treasurer in the enhanced 911 account created in RCW 38.52.540.
3 The tax imposed under this section is not subject to the state sales
4 and use tax or any local tax.

5 (7) A state enhanced 911 excise tax is imposed on all
6 interconnected voice over internet protocol service lines in the state.
7 The amount of tax may not exceed twenty-five cents per month for each
8 interconnected voice over internet protocol service line whose place of
9 primary use is located in the state. The amount of tax must be uniform
10 for each line and must be levied on no more than the number of voice
11 over internet protocol service lines on an account that are capable of
12 simultaneous unrestricted outward calling to the public switched
13 telephone network. The tax imposed under this subsection must be
14 remitted to the department by interconnected voice over internet
15 protocol service companies on a tax return provided by the department.
16 Tax proceeds must be deposited by the treasurer in the enhanced 911
17 account created in RCW 38.52.540.

18 (~~+5~~) (8) By August 31st of each year the state enhanced 911
19 coordinator (~~shall~~) must recommend the level for the next year of the
20 state enhanced 911 excise tax imposed by subsections (~~+3~~) (5) and
21 (7) of this section, based on a systematic cost and revenue analysis,
22 to the utilities and transportation commission. The commission
23 (~~shall~~) must by the following October 31st determine the level of the
24 state enhanced 911 excise (~~tax~~) taxes imposed by subsections (5) and
25 (7) of this section for the following year.

26 NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. A new section is added to chapter 82.14B RCW
27 to read as follows:

28 (1) Counties imposing the enhanced 911 excise tax under RCW
29 82.14B.030 must contract with the department for the administration and
30 collection of the tax prior to the effective date of a resolution or
31 ordinance imposing the tax. The department may deduct a percentage
32 amount, as provided by contract, of no more than two percent of the
33 enhanced 911 excise taxes collected to cover administration and
34 collection expenses incurred by the department. If a county imposes an
35 enhanced 911 excise tax with an effective date of January 1, 2011, the
36 county must contract with the department for the administration and
37 collection of the tax by December 1, 2010.

1 (2) The remainder of any portion of the county enhanced 911 excise
2 tax under RCW 82.14B.030 that is collected by the department must be
3 deposited in the county enhanced 911 excise tax account hereby created
4 in the custody of the state treasurer. Expenditures from the account
5 may be used only for distribution to counties imposing the enhanced 911
6 excise tax. Only the state treasurer or his or her designee may
7 authorize expenditures from the account. The account is not subject to
8 allotment procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW, and an appropriation is
9 not required for expenditures.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 82.14B RCW
11 to read as follows:

12 (1) All moneys that accrue in the county enhanced 911 excise tax
13 account created in section 4 of this act must be distributed monthly by
14 the state treasurer to the counties in the amount of the taxes
15 collected on behalf of each county, minus the administration and
16 collection fee retained by the department as provided in section 4 of
17 this act.

18 (2) If a county imposes by resolution or ordinance an enhanced 911
19 excise tax that is in excess of the maximum allowable county enhanced
20 911 excise tax provided in RCW 82.14B.030, the ordinance or resolution
21 may not be considered void in its entirety, but only with respect to
22 that portion of the enhanced 911 excise tax that is in excess of the
23 maximum allowable tax.

24 **Sec. 6.** RCW 82.14B.040 and 2002 c 341 s 9 are each amended to read
25 as follows:

26 (1) The state enhanced 911 excise tax and the county enhanced 911
27 excise tax on switched access lines (~~shall~~) must be collected from
28 the subscriber by the local exchange company providing the switched
29 access line.

30 (2) The state enhanced 911 excise tax and the county enhanced 911
31 excise tax on radio access lines (~~shall~~) must be collected from the
32 subscriber by the radio communications service company, including those
33 companies that resell radio access lines, providing the radio access
34 line to the subscriber.

35 (3) The state and county enhanced 911 excise taxes on
36 interconnected voice over internet protocol service lines must be

1 collected from the subscriber by the interconnected voice over internet
2 protocol service company providing the interconnected voice over
3 internet protocol service line to the subscriber.

4 (4) The amount of the tax (~~(shall)~~) must be (~~(stated separately on~~
5 ~~the billing statement which is sent)~~) indicated to the subscriber.

6 **Sec. 7.** RCW 82.14B.042 and 2009 c 563 s 208 are each amended to
7 read as follows:

8 (1) The state and county enhanced 911 excise taxes imposed by this
9 chapter must be paid by the subscriber to the local exchange company
10 providing the switched access line (~~(or)~~), the radio communications
11 service company providing the radio access line, (~~and~~) or the
12 interconnected voice over internet protocol service company providing
13 the interconnected voice over internet protocol service line. Each
14 local exchange company (~~and~~), each radio communications service
15 company (~~shall~~), and each interconnected voice over internet protocol
16 service company must collect from the subscriber the full amount of the
17 taxes payable. The state and county enhanced 911 excise taxes required
18 by this chapter to be collected by (~~the local exchange company or the~~
19 ~~radio communications service~~) a company are deemed to be held in trust
20 by the (~~local exchange company or the radio communications service~~)
21 company until paid to the department. Any local exchange company
22 (~~(or)~~), radio communications service company, or interconnected voice
23 over internet protocol service company that appropriates or converts
24 the tax collected to its own use or to any use other than the payment
25 of the tax to the extent that the money collected is not available for
26 payment on the due date as prescribed in this chapter is guilty of a
27 gross misdemeanor.

28 (2) If any local exchange company (~~(or)~~), radio communications
29 service company, or interconnected voice over internet protocol service
30 company fails to collect the state or county enhanced 911 excise tax
31 or, after collecting the tax, fails to pay it to the department in the
32 manner prescribed by this chapter, whether such failure is the result
33 of its own act or the result of acts or conditions beyond its control,
34 the (~~local exchange company or the radio communications service~~)
35 company is personally liable to the state for the amount of the tax,
36 unless the (~~local exchange company or the radio communications~~
37 ~~service~~) company has taken from the buyer in good faith documentation,

1 in a form and manner prescribed by the department, stating that the
2 buyer is not a subscriber or is otherwise not liable for the state or
3 county enhanced 911 excise tax.

4 (3) The amount of tax, until paid by the subscriber to the local
5 exchange company, the radio communications service company, the
6 interconnected voice over internet protocol service company, or to the
7 department, constitutes a debt from the subscriber to the ((~~local~~
8 ~~exchange company or the radio communications service~~)) company. Any
9 ((~~local exchange company or radio communications service~~)) company that
10 fails or refuses to collect the tax as required with intent to violate
11 the provisions of this chapter or to gain some advantage or benefit,
12 either direct or indirect, and any subscriber who refuses to pay any
13 tax due under this chapter is guilty of a misdemeanor. The state and
14 county enhanced 911 excise taxes required by this chapter to be
15 collected by the local exchange company ((~~or—the~~)), radio
16 communications service company must, or interconnected voice over
17 internet protocol service company be stated separately on the billing
18 statement that is sent to the subscriber.

19 (4) If a subscriber has failed to pay to the local exchange company
20 ((~~or—the~~)), radio communications service company, or interconnected
21 voice over internet protocol service company the state or county
22 enhanced 911 excise taxes imposed by this chapter and the ((~~local~~
23 ~~exchange company or the radio communications service~~)) company has not
24 paid the amount of the tax to the department, the department may, in
25 its discretion, proceed directly against the subscriber for collection
26 of the tax, in which case a penalty of ten percent may be added to the
27 amount of the tax for failure of the subscriber to pay the tax to the
28 ((~~local exchange company or the radio communications service~~)) company,
29 regardless of when the tax is collected by the department. Tax under
30 this chapter is due as provided under RCW 82.14B.061.

31 **Sec. 8.** RCW 82.14B.060 and 1998 c 304 s 5 are each amended to read
32 as follows:

33 A county legislative authority imposing a tax under this chapter
34 ((~~shall~~)) must establish by ordinance all necessary and appropriate
35 procedures for the ((~~administration and collection of the tax, which~~
36 ~~ordinance shall provide for reimbursement to the telephone companies~~
37 ~~for actual costs of administration and collection of the tax imposed.~~

1 ~~The ordinance shall also provide that the due date for remittance of~~
2 ~~the tax collected shall be on or before the last day of the month~~
3 ~~following the month in which the tax liability accrues)) acceptance of~~
4 ~~the county enhanced 911 excise taxes by the department.~~

5 **Sec. 9.** RCW 82.14B.061 and 2002 c 341 s 11 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (1) The department (~~(of revenue shall)~~) must administer and
8 (~~(shall)~~) adopt (~~(such)~~) rules as may be necessary to enforce and
9 administer the state and county enhanced 911 excise taxes imposed by
10 this chapter. Chapter 82.32 RCW, with the exception of RCW 82.32.045,
11 82.32.145, and 82.32.380, applies to the administration, collection,
12 and enforcement of the state and county enhanced 911 excise taxes.

13 (2) The state and county enhanced 911 excise taxes imposed by this
14 chapter, along with reports and returns on forms prescribed by the
15 department, are due at the same time the taxpayer reports other taxes
16 under RCW 82.32.045. If no other taxes are reported under RCW
17 82.32.045, the taxpayer (~~(shall)~~) must remit tax on an annual basis in
18 accordance with RCW 82.32.045.

19 (3) The department (~~(of revenue)~~) may relieve any taxpayer or class
20 of taxpayers from the obligation of remitting monthly and may require
21 the return to cover other longer reporting periods, but in no event may
22 returns be filed for a period greater than one year.

23 (4) The state and county enhanced 911 excise taxes imposed by this
24 chapter are in addition to any taxes imposed upon the same persons
25 under chapters 82.08 and 82.12 RCW.

26 **Sec. 10.** RCW 82.14B.150 and 2004 c 153 s 309 are each amended to
27 read as follows:

28 (1) A local exchange company (~~(or)~~) radio communications service
29 company (~~(shall)~~), or interconnected voice over internet protocol
30 service company must file tax returns on a cash receipts or accrual
31 basis according to which method of accounting is regularly employed in
32 keeping the books of the company. A (~~(local exchange company or radio~~
33 ~~communications service)) company filing returns on a cash receipts
34 basis is not required to pay tax on debt subject to credit or refund
35 under subsection (2) of this section.~~

1 (2) A local exchange company (~~(or)~~) radio communications service
2 company, or interconnected voice over internet protocol service company
3 is entitled to a credit or refund for state enhanced 911 excise taxes
4 previously paid on bad debts, as that term is used in 26 U.S.C. Sec.
5 166, as amended or renumbered as of January 1, 2003.

6 **Sec. 11.** RCW 82.14B.160 and 1998 c 304 s 8 are each amended to
7 read as follows:

8 The taxes imposed or authorized by this chapter do not apply to any
9 activity that the state or county is prohibited from taxing under the
10 Constitution of this state or the Constitution or laws of the United
11 States.

12 **Sec. 12.** RCW 82.14B.200 and 2009 c 563 s 209 are each amended to
13 read as follows:

14 (1) Unless a local exchange company (~~(or a)~~) radio communications
15 service company, or interconnected voice over internet protocol service
16 company has taken from the buyer documentation, in a form and manner
17 prescribed by the department, stating that the buyer is not a
18 subscriber or is otherwise not liable for the tax, the burden of
19 proving that a sale of the use of a switched access line (~~(or)~~) radio
20 access line, or interconnected voice over internet protocol service
21 line was not a sale to a subscriber or was not otherwise subject to the
22 tax is upon the person who made the sale.

23 (2) If a local exchange company (~~(or a)~~) radio communications
24 service company, or interconnected voice over internet protocol service
25 company does not receive documentation, in a form and manner prescribed
26 by the department, stating that the buyer is not a subscriber or is
27 otherwise not liable for the tax at the time of the sale, have such
28 documentation on file at the time of the sale, or obtain such
29 documentation from the buyer within a reasonable time after the sale,
30 the local exchange company (~~(or the)~~) radio communications service
31 company, or interconnected voice over internet protocol service company
32 remains liable for the tax as provided in RCW 82.14B.042, unless the
33 local exchange company (~~(or the)~~) radio communications service
34 company, or interconnected voice over internet protocol service company
35 can demonstrate facts and circumstances according to rules adopted by

1 the department (~~of revenue~~) that show the sale was properly made
2 without payment of the state or county enhanced 911 excise tax.

3 (3) The penalty imposed by RCW 82.32.291 may not be assessed on
4 state or county enhanced 911 excise taxes due but not paid as a result
5 of the improper use of documentation stating that the buyer is not a
6 subscriber or is otherwise not liable for the state or county enhanced
7 911 excise tax. This subsection does not prohibit or restrict the
8 application of other penalties authorized by law.

9 **Sec. 13.** RCW 38.52.510 and 1991 c 54 s 3 are each amended to read
10 as follows:

11 (~~By December 31, 1998,~~) Each county, singly or in combination
12 with one or more adjacent counties, (~~shall~~) must implement
13 (~~district-wide,~~) countywide(~~,~~) or multicounty-wide enhanced 911
14 emergency communications systems so that enhanced 911 is available
15 throughout the state. The county (~~shall~~) must provide funding for
16 the enhanced 911 communications system in the county (~~or district~~) in
17 an amount equal to the amount the maximum tax under RCW 82.14B.030(1)
18 would generate in the county (~~or district~~) less any applicable
19 administrative fee charged by the department of revenue or the amount
20 necessary to provide full funding of the system in the county (~~or~~
21 ~~district, whichever is less~~). The state enhanced 911 coordination
22 office established by RCW 38.52.520 (~~shall~~) must assist and
23 facilitate enhanced 911 implementation throughout the state.

24 **Sec. 14.** RCW 38.52.520 and 1991 c 54 s 4 are each amended to read
25 as follows:

26 A state enhanced 911 coordination office, headed by the state
27 enhanced 911 coordinator, is established in the emergency management
28 division of the department. Duties of the office (~~shall~~) include:

29 (1) Coordinating and facilitating the implementation and operation
30 of enhanced 911 emergency communications systems throughout the state;

31 (2) Seeking advice and assistance from, and providing staff support
32 for, the enhanced 911 advisory committee; (~~and~~)

33 (3) Recommending to the utilities and transportation commission by
34 August 31st of each year the level of the state enhanced 911 excise tax
35 for the following year;

1 (4) Considering base needs of individual counties for specific
2 assistance, specify rules defining the purposes for which available
3 state enhanced 911 funding may be expended, with the advice and
4 assistance of the enhanced 911 advisory committee; and

5 (5) Providing an annual update to the enhanced 911 advisory
6 committee on how much money each county has spent on:

7 (a) Efforts to modernize their existing enhanced 911 emergency
8 communications system; and

9 (b) Enhanced 911 operational costs.

10 **Sec. 15.** RCW 38.52.530 and 2006 c 210 s 1 are each amended to read
11 as follows:

12 The enhanced 911 advisory committee is created to advise and assist
13 the state enhanced 911 coordinator in coordinating and facilitating the
14 implementation and operation of enhanced 911 throughout the state. The
15 director shall appoint members of the committee who represent diverse
16 geographical areas of the state and include state residents who are
17 members of the national emergency number association, the
18 ~~((associated))~~ association of public communications officers Washington
19 chapter, the Washington state fire chiefs association, the Washington
20 association of sheriffs and police chiefs, the Washington state council
21 of firefighters, the Washington state council of police officers, the
22 Washington ambulance association, the state fire protection policy
23 board, the Washington fire commissioners association, the Washington
24 state patrol, the association of Washington cities, the Washington
25 state association of counties, the utilities and transportation
26 commission or commission staff, a representative of a voice over
27 internet protocol service company, and an equal number of
28 representatives of large and small local exchange telephone companies
29 and large and small radio communications service companies offering
30 commercial mobile radio service in the state. ~~((This section expires~~
31 ~~December 31, 2011.))~~

32 **Sec. 16.** RCW 38.52.532 and 2006 c 210 s 2 are each amended to read
33 as follows:

34 On an annual basis, the enhanced 911 advisory committee ~~((shall))~~
35 must provide an update on the status of enhanced 911 service in the
36 state to the appropriate committees in the legislature. The update

1 must include progress by counties towards creating greater efficiencies
2 in enhanced 911 operations including, but not limited to,
3 regionalization of facilities, centralization of equipment, and
4 statewide purchasing.

5 **Sec. 17.** RCW 38.52.540 and 2002 c 371 s 905 and 2002 c 341 s 4 are
6 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

7 (1) The enhanced 911 account is created in the state treasury. All
8 receipts from the state enhanced 911 excise taxes imposed by RCW
9 82.14B.030 (~~(shall)~~) must be deposited into the account. Moneys in the
10 account (~~(shall)~~) must be used only to support the statewide
11 coordination and management of the enhanced 911 system, for the
12 implementation of wireless enhanced 911 statewide, for the
13 modernization of enhanced 911 emergency communications systems
14 statewide, and to help supplement, within available funds, the
15 operational costs of the system, including adequate funding of counties
16 to enable implementation of wireless enhanced 911 service and
17 reimbursement of radio communications service companies for costs
18 incurred in providing wireless enhanced 911 service pursuant to
19 negotiated contracts between the counties or their agents and the radio
20 communications service companies. A county must show just cause,
21 including but not limited to a true and accurate accounting of the
22 funds expended, for any inability to provide reimbursement to radio
23 communications service companies of costs incurred in providing
24 enhanced 911 service.

25 (2) Funds generated by the enhanced 911 excise tax imposed by RCW
26 82.14B.030(~~(+3) shall~~) (5) may not be distributed to any county that
27 has not imposed the maximum county enhanced 911 excise tax allowed
28 under RCW 82.14B.030(1). Funds generated by the enhanced 911 excise
29 tax imposed by RCW 82.14B.030(~~(+4) shall~~) (6) may not be distributed
30 to any county that has not imposed the maximum county enhanced 911
31 excise tax allowed under RCW 82.14B.030(2).

32 (3) The state enhanced 911 coordinator, with the advice and
33 assistance of the enhanced 911 advisory committee, is authorized to
34 enter into statewide agreements to improve the efficiency of enhanced
35 911 services for all counties and shall specify by rule the additional
36 purposes for which moneys, if available, may be expended from this
37 account.

1 (~~(4) During the 2001-2003 fiscal biennium, the legislature may~~
2 ~~transfer from the enhanced 911 account to the state general fund such~~
3 ~~amounts as reflect the excess fund balance of the account.~~)

4 **Sec. 18.** RCW 38.52.545 and 2001 c 128 s 3 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 In specifying rules defining the purposes for which available state
7 enhanced 911 moneys may be expended, the state enhanced 911
8 coordinator, with the advice and assistance of the enhanced 911
9 advisory committee, (~~shall~~) must consider base needs of individual
10 counties for specific assistance. Priorities for available enhanced
11 911 funding are as follows:

12 (1) To assure that 911 dialing is operational statewide;

13 (2) To assist counties as necessary to assure that they can achieve
14 a basic service level for 911 operations; and

15 (3) To assist counties as practicable to acquire items of a capital
16 nature appropriate to (~~increasing~~) modernize 911 systems and increase
17 911 effectiveness.

18 **Sec. 19.** RCW 38.52.550 and 2002 c 341 s 5 are each amended to read
19 as follows:

20 A telecommunications company, (~~or~~) radio communications service
21 company, or interconnected voice over internet protocol service
22 company, providing emergency communications systems or services or a
23 business or individual providing database information to enhanced 911
24 emergency communications (~~system~~) personnel (~~shall~~) is not (~~be~~)
25 liable for civil damages caused by an act or omission of the company,
26 business, or individual in the:

27 (1) Good faith release of information not in the public record,
28 including unpublished or unlisted subscriber information to emergency
29 service providers responding to calls placed to (~~a 911 or~~) an
30 enhanced 911 emergency communications service; or

31 (2) Design, development, installation, maintenance, or provision of
32 consolidated (~~911 or~~) enhanced 911 emergency communications systems
33 or services other than an act or omission constituting gross negligence
34 or wanton or willful misconduct.

1 **Sec. 20.** RCW 38.52.561 and 2002 c 341 s 6 are each amended to read
2 as follows:

3 The state enhanced 911 coordinator, with the advice and assistance
4 of the enhanced 911 advisory committee, (~~shall~~) must set
5 nondiscriminatory, uniform technical and operational standards
6 consistent with the rules of the federal communications commission for
7 the transmission of 911 calls from radio communications service
8 companies and interconnected voice over internet protocol service
9 companies to enhanced 911 emergency communications systems. These
10 standards must not exceed the requirements set by the federal
11 communications commission. The authority given to the state enhanced
12 911 coordinator in this section is limited to setting standards as set
13 forth in this section and does not constitute authority to regulate
14 radio communications service companies or interconnected voice over
15 internet protocol service companies.

16 **Sec. 21.** RCW 43.79A.040 and 2009 c 87 s 4 are each amended to read
17 as follows:

18 (1) Money in the treasurer's trust fund may be deposited, invested,
19 and reinvested by the state treasurer in accordance with RCW 43.84.080
20 in the same manner and to the same extent as if the money were in the
21 state treasury.

22 (2) All income received from investment of the treasurer's trust
23 fund (~~shall~~) must be set aside in an account in the treasury trust
24 fund to be known as the investment income account.

25 (3) The investment income account may be utilized for the payment
26 of purchased banking services on behalf of treasurer's trust funds
27 including, but not limited to, depository, safekeeping, and
28 disbursement functions for the state treasurer or affected state
29 agencies. The investment income account is subject in all respects to
30 chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is required for payments to
31 financial institutions. Payments (~~shall~~) must occur prior to
32 distribution of earnings set forth in subsection (4) of this section.

33 (4)(a) Monthly, the state treasurer (~~shall~~) must distribute the
34 earnings credited to the investment income account to the state general
35 fund except under (b) and (c) of this subsection.

36 (b) The following accounts and funds (~~shall~~) must receive their
37 proportionate share of earnings based upon each account's or fund's

1 average daily balance for the period: The Washington promise
2 scholarship account, the college savings program account, the
3 Washington advanced college tuition payment program account, the
4 agricultural local fund, the American Indian scholarship endowment
5 fund, the foster care scholarship endowment fund, the foster care
6 endowed scholarship trust fund, the students with dependents grant
7 account, the basic health plan self-insurance reserve account, the
8 contract harvesting revolving account, the Washington state combined
9 fund drive account, the commemorative works account, the county
10 enhanced 911 excise tax account, the Washington international exchange
11 scholarship endowment fund, the toll collection account, the
12 developmental disabilities endowment trust fund, the energy account,
13 the fair fund, the family leave insurance account, the food animal
14 veterinarian conditional scholarship account, the fruit and vegetable
15 inspection account, the future teachers conditional scholarship
16 account, the game farm alternative account, the GET ready for math and
17 science scholarship account, the grain inspection revolving fund, the
18 juvenile accountability incentive account, the law enforcement
19 officers' and firefighters' plan 2 expense fund, the local tourism
20 promotion account, the pilotage account, the produce railcar pool
21 account, the regional transportation investment district account, the
22 rural rehabilitation account, the stadium and exhibition center
23 account, the youth athletic facility account, the self-insurance
24 revolving fund, the sulfur dioxide abatement account, the children's
25 trust fund, the Washington horse racing commission Washington bred
26 owners' bonus fund and breeder awards account, the Washington horse
27 racing commission class C purse fund account, the individual
28 development account program account, the Washington horse racing
29 commission operating account (earnings from the Washington horse racing
30 commission operating account must be credited to the Washington horse
31 racing commission class C purse fund account), the life sciences
32 discovery fund, the Washington state heritage center account, the
33 reduced cigarette ignition propensity account, and the reading
34 achievement account. However, the earnings to be distributed shall
35 first be reduced by the allocation to the state treasurer's service
36 fund pursuant to RCW 43.08.190.

37 (c) The following accounts and funds (~~shall~~) must receive eighty
38 percent of their proportionate share of earnings based upon each

1 account's or fund's average daily balance for the period: The advanced
2 right-of-way revolving fund, the advanced environmental mitigation
3 revolving account, the city and county advance right-of-way revolving
4 fund, the federal narcotics asset forfeitures account, the high
5 occupancy vehicle account, the local rail service assistance account,
6 and the miscellaneous transportation programs account.

7 (5) In conformance with Article II, section 37 of the state
8 Constitution, no trust accounts or funds shall be allocated earnings
9 without the specific affirmative directive of this section.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 22.** The following acts or parts of acts are
11 each repealed:

12 (1) RCW 82.14B.070 (Emergency service communication districts--
13 Authorized--Consolidation--Dissolution) and 1994 c 54 s 1 & 1987 c 17
14 s 1;

15 (2) RCW 82.14B.090 (Emergency service communication districts--
16 Emergency service communication system--Financing--Excise tax) and 1991
17 c 54 s 13 & 1987 c 17 s 3; and

18 (3) RCW 82.14B.100 (Emergency service communication districts--
19 Application of RCW 82.14B.040 through 82.14B.060) and 1991 c 54 s 14 &
20 1987 c 17 s 4.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 23.** A new section is added to chapter 82.14B
22 RCW to read as follows:

23 For the time period from July 1, 2007, until the effective date of
24 section 3 of this act, counties and the state are authorized to accept
25 and use funds and any accrued interest voluntarily remitted by
26 interconnected voice over internet protocol service companies.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 24.** If any provision of this act or its
28 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the
29 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other
30 persons or circumstances is not affected.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 25.** The office of the code reviser may
32 alphabetize the accounts and funds listed in RCW 43.79A.040(4)(b).

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 26.** (1) Except as otherwise provided in this
2 section, this act takes effect October 1, 2010.

3 (2) Sections 1 through 3, 5 through 7, 10 through 20, and 22 of
4 this act take effect January 1, 2011.

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