

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1156

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



within the state; and

(2) Provide funding to:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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