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## Substitute Bill Comparative Synopsis

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House Transportation and Public Safety

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This table summarizes how the latest substitute version of the bill differs from the As Introduced version. It addresses only the topics on which the two versions differ substantively. It does not list topics on which the two bills are substantively the same.

Previous Version (As Introduced)	Latest Version (I_134_0935-2)
<b>“Device” definition</b>	
No provision.	Defines “device” as any communication tool that is capable of directly contacting a 9-1-1 system, or by connecting through an ancillary connection service that has the ability to communicate directly with the 9-1-1 system ( <i>R.C. 128.01(FF)</i> ).
<b>“Ancillary connection service” definition</b>	
No provision.	Defines “ancillary connection service” as a communication connection service that allows devices, not otherwise able to connect directly with a 9-1-1 system, to communicate with a 9-1-1 system ( <i>R.C. 128.01(GG)</i> ).

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<b>Next generation 9-1-1 access (NG 911) fee</b>	
<p>Requires, upon the expiration of the wireless 9-1-1 charge under current law, the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ For a 2-year period, there is imposed a NG 911 fee of \$0.25 per month on each communication device or service to which the following apply: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▫ The device or service is sold in the state, registered to an in-state service address or location, or the subscriber's primary place of using the device or service is in the state.</li> <li>▫ The device or service is capable of initiating a direct connection to 9-1-1.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ For a subsequent 5-year period, the amount of the NG 911 fee will be \$0.25 per month, or an alternate amount designated by the 9-1-1 Steering Committee, that cannot exceed \$0.30 per month or be higher than \$0.02 than the previous year's fee.</li> <li>▪ For a subsequent 5-year period after the first 5-year period, the NG 911 fee is \$0.25 per month.</li> </ul> <p><i>(R.C. 128.41 and 128.411(A)).</i></p>	<p>Alters the NG 911 fees as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ For the 2-year period, the NG 911 fee is to be \$0.70 per month</li> <li>▪ For the subsequent 5-year period, the NG 911 fee will be \$0.70 per month, or an alternate amount that cannot exceed \$0.70 per month or be higher than \$0.02 than the previous year's fee.</li> <li>▪ For the subsequent 5-year period after the first 5-year period, the NG 911 fee is \$0.70 per month.</li> </ul> <p><i>(R.C. 128.41 and 128.411(A)).</i></p>
<b>Voice over internet protocol (VOIP) system</b>	
<p>Requires subscribers utilizing a VOIP system to pay a separate NG 911 fee for each call path available to the system to make an outside call <i>(R.C. 128.412(B)).</i></p>	<p>Requires subscribers utilizing a VOIP system to pay a separate NG 911 fee for each voice channel provided to the subscriber, with the number of channels being equal to the number of outbound calls the subscriber can maintain at the same time using the system, but excludes a direct inward dialing number that routes an inbound call <i>(R.C. 128.412(C)).</i></p>

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<b>Exemptions to the NG 911 fee for ancillary connection service devices</b>	
No provision.	Exempts from the NG 911 fee devices that solely rely on ancillary connection services for direct connection to the 9-1-1 system, excluding any device capable of both direct and ancillary connection to the 9-1-1 system ( <i>R.C. 128.413</i> ).
<b>Depositing of NG 911 fee into 9-1-1 Government Assistance Fund</b>	
Requires, if the NG 911 fee exceeds \$0.25 per month, the amount collected that is attributable to the difference between the actual amount and \$0.25 to be deposited into the 9-1-1 Government Assistance Fund ( <i>R.C. 128.415</i> ).	No provision.
<b>Steering Committee report to the General Assembly</b>	
Requires, not later than 12 months after the bill's effective date, the Steering Committee to submit a report to the General Assembly on the effectiveness of the NG 911 fee at \$0.25 per month ( <i>R.C. 128.416(A)</i> ).	Requires the report to address the effectiveness of the NG 911 fee at \$0.70 per month ( <i>R.C. 128.416(A)</i> ).
<b>Changes to NG 911 fee increase after reduction</b>	
If the Steering Committee reduces the NG 911 fee after monitoring the accounts in which the fee is placed, but later decides to increase the fee, it may not increase the total fee to an amount exceeding \$0.30 per month ( <i>R.C. 128.417</i> ).	Prohibits the Steering Committee from increasing (after reducing) the total fee to an amount exceeding \$0.70 per month ( <i>R.C. 128.417</i> ).

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<b>Remittance of NG 911 fees</b>	
<p>Requires NG 911 fees collected and remitted by an entity required to collect them under the bill's provisions to be paid to the State Treasurer and remitted for deposit as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 47% to the 9-1-1 Government Assistance Fund;</li> <li>▪ 1% to the 9-1-1 Administrative Fund;</li> <li>▪ 2% to the 9-1-1 Program Fund;</li> <li>▪ 50% to the Next Generation 9-1-1 Fund.</li> </ul> <p><i>(R.C. 128.54(A)(2)).</i></p>	<p>Changes the percentages as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 72% to the 9-1-1 Government Assistance Fund;</li> <li>▪ 1% to the 9-1-1 Administrative Fund;</li> <li>▪ 2% to the 9-1-1 Program Fund;</li> <li>▪ 25% to the Next Generation 9-1-1 Fund.</li> </ul> <p><i>(R.C. 128.54(A)(2)).</i></p>
<b>NG 911 fee excess used for transitional costs</b>	
<p>Provides that if the amount of the NG 9-1-1 fee exceeds \$0.25 per month, the amount collected attributable to the difference between the actual amount and \$0.25 must be used exclusively for the transitional costs of NG 9-1-1 or costs of connecting to the statewide emergency services internet protocol network <i>(R.C. 128.57(F)).</i></p>	<p>No provision.</p>