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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7648
BILL NUMBER: HB 1377

DATE PREPARED: Mar 2, 1999
BILL AMENDED: Mar 1, 1999

SUBJECT: Enhanced emergency telephone system fees.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill requires a county that has more than one independently operated public safety access point to divide the balance of the county's emergency telephone system fund, and to distribute a portion of the funds to each unit in the county in an amount proportional to the amount contributed to the fund by service users in the unit. It provides for the administration of the distributions. It also requires that the funds distributed may only be used for purposes allowed for the county emergency telephone system fund.

Effective Date: July 1, 1999.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: (Revised) Currently, the balance in a county's emergency telephone system fund remains with the county. This bill provides that on a quarterly basis, the county is to distribute at least 50% of the proportional amount of the balance of the county's emergency telephone system fund back to each unit in the county in an amount proportional to the amount of the contributed by services providers in the unit, as determined by the county auditor. This provision applies to county's with more than one independently operated public safety access point. A unit may only use the money in the fund for the following purposes:

- (1) to pay for the lease, purchase, or maintenance of enhanced emergency telephone equipment, including necessary computer hardware, software, and data base provisioning;
- (2) to pay the rates associated with the service suppliers' enhanced emergency telephone system network services; and
- (3) to pay the personnel expenses of the emergency telephone system.

The fiscal impact of this bill is indeterminable because each county charges a different monthly fee and the balance in each county emergency telephone system fund is different.

Explanation of Local Revenues: See “Explanation of Local Expenditures.”

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Counties; Units with an enhanced emergency telephone system.

Information Sources: