

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 512

Short Title: Amend/Clarify Back-Up PSAP Requirements. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives S. Martin, Steinburg, Saine, and B. Brown (Primary Sponsors).  
*For a complete list of Sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly Web Site.*

Referred to: Local Government.

April 2, 2015

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO DELAY IMPLEMENTATION OF BACK-UP PSAP REQUIREMENTS, TO  
3 DEFINE UNIFORM STANDARDS FOR BACK-UP PSAPS, AND DEVELOP A  
4 MASTER PURCHASING LIST FOR 911 SYSTEM ELIGIBLE EXPENSES.

5 Whereas, Session Law 2014-66 amended Article 3 of Chapter 62A of the North  
6 Carolina General Statutes to require development of a back-up PSAP when calls cannot be  
7 completed by the primary PSAP; and

8 Whereas, the changes in Session Law 2014-66 are applicable to 911 fund  
9 distributions made on or after July 1, 2016; and

10 Whereas, many counties in North Carolina are unable to fully implement a back-up  
11 PSAP by July 1, 2016; and

12 Whereas, counties would save cost and increase efficiency by partnering under a  
13 standard model for a back-up PSAP developed by the 911 Board; and

14 Whereas, the assistance of the 911 Board in facilitating group procurement pricing  
15 for eligible 911 expense items would save money and eliminate price disparities between larger  
16 and smaller jurisdictions; Now, therefore,

17 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

18 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 62A-46(e)(4a) reads as rewritten:

19 "(4a) ~~A~~By July 1, 2016, a PSAP must have a plan and means for 911 call-taking  
20 in the event 911 calls cannot be received and processed in the primary  
21 ~~PSAP.~~PSAP, or have made substantial progress toward implementation of  
22 the plan and means. The plan must identify the alternative capability of  
23 taking the redirected 911 calls. This subdivision does not require a PSAP to  
24 construct an alternative facility to serve as a back-up PSAP."

25 **SECTION 2.** The 911 Board shall investigate alternatives for facilitation of  
26 uniform procurement and pricing of 911 eligible expenses through bulk purchasing and other  
27 means. No later than May 1, 2016, the Board shall report its findings, including any requests  
28 for legislative action, to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Information Technology.

29 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

