

CHAPTER 28

GOVERNMENT - LOCAL

HOUSE BILL 24-1016

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also SENATOR(S) Kolker and Van Winkle, Buckner, Cutter, Ginal, Gonzales, Jaquez Lewis, Liston, Marchman, Priola, Rodriguez, Will.

AN ACT

CONCERNING EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION SERVICES, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, DEFINING THE TERM "EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST" AND CLARIFYING THE SCOPE OF THE CURRENTLY AUTHORIZED USE OF CERTAIN EMERGENCY TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE CHARGE REVENUE FOR TRAINING AND SERVICES RENDERED BY AN EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST, OTHER PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINT PERSONNEL, AND OTHER ESSENTIAL EMERGENCY PERSONNEL.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 29-11-101, **add** (10.5) as follows:

29-11-101. Definitions. As used in this part 1, unless the context otherwise requires:

(10.5) "EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST" MEANS A FIRST RESPONDER WHOSE OPERATIONAL OR SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES CRITICAL TO PUBLIC SAFETY ARE TO EXERCISE INDEPENDENT JUDGMENT IN THE EXECUTION OF DUTIES THAT INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO, RECEIVING, TRIAGING, PROCESSING, TRANSMITTING, OR DISPATCHING 911 EMERGENCY AND NONEMERGENCY CALLS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT, FIRE, EMERGENCY MEDICAL, AND OTHER PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES BY TELEPHONE, RADIO, OR OTHER COMMUNICATION DEVICE; OR TRACKING, PROCESSING, AND TRANSMITTING RELEVANT INFORMATION FROM THE PUBLIC AND OTHER RESOURCES TO FIELD RESPONDERS; OR PROVIDING EMERGENCY MEDICAL DISPATCH.

Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material added to existing law; dashes through words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law and such material is not part of the act.

SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 29-11-104, **amend** (2)(a)(I)(C) as follows:

29-11-104. Use of funds collected. (2) (a) (I) Money collected from the emergency telephone charge imposed pursuant to section 29-11-102, the 911 surcharge imposed pursuant to section 29-11-102.3, and the prepaid wireless 911 charge imposed pursuant to section 29-11-102.5 shall be spent by or on behalf of a governing body solely to pay for:

(C) Costs related to the provision of the emergency notification service and emergency telephone service, including costs associated with total implementation of both services by emergency service providers, including costs for programming, emergency medical services provided by telephone, radio equipment within the PSAP, and training for PSAP personnel INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALISTS, TECHNICAL SUPPORT PERSONNEL RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF PSAP SYSTEMS, AND OTHER PERSONNEL ESSENTIAL TO THE PROVISION OF EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SERVICES, EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SERVICES, AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL DISPATCH;

SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date. This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in November 2024 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

Approved: March 15, 2024