

## **FISCAL UPDATE Article**

Fiscal Services Division



## May 16, 2017

## END OF SESSION - SF 500 - E911 CONSOLIDATION

**Description:** <u>Senate File 500</u> relates to the E911 emergency telephone communication systems and E911 Surcharge Fund and makes the following changes:

- Modifies and adds technological terminology related to E911 emergency telephone communication systems.
- Allows the E911 Program Manager to provide grants for the purpose of developing and maintaining Geographic Information System data to be used in support of the Next Generation 911 network.
- Makes changes to the distribution and permissible expenditures of the E911 Emergency Communications Service surcharge. The Bill removes the allocation of \$4.4 million to the Department of Public Safety for the FY 2017 lease payment for building of the Statewide Interoperable Communications System. The funding for the FY 2018 lease payment of \$4.1 million will be made from the Infrastructure Appropriations Bill, <u>House File 643</u>.
- Limits the definition of consolidation with respect to grants provided to Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs).
- Adds a member to the existing 13 members of the E911 Communications Council that would be appointed from the Iowa Geographic Information Council.
- Requires the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEMD) to develop a plan to combine the wireline E911 network with the Next Generation E911 network.
- Changes the amount of funds available for local PSAP consolidation grants from \$4.4 million to \$7.0 million, and specifies that these consolidations would be physical rather than virtual.
- Combines existing language allowing PSAPs to use E911 surcharge funds for costs related to receipt and disposition of E911 calls as well as costs to access the State's Interoperable Communications System. The PSAPs can currently use E911 surcharge funds for radio systems, and the intent of this provision is to remove redundant language from the lowa Code.

**Fiscal Impact:** There is no impact to the General Fund as all revenues are from the E911 Surcharge Fund. **Table 1** summarizes the revenues and expenses projected under this Bill for that Fund.

	Current Law		Proposed Law SF 500		
-	Actual	Projected	Projected	Projected	Projected
	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
Revenue	\$28,825,220.91	\$29,176,675.70	\$29,100,000.00	\$29,100,000.00	\$29,100,000.00
Operating Surplus Brought Forward	\$19,798,811.21	\$15,500,602.39	\$11,698,980.61	\$8,863,181.69	\$0.0
Unused Catastrophic Reserve	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,501,201.08	\$3,492,000.00	\$3,492,000.0
Total Revenue	\$48,624,032.12	\$44,677,278.09	\$44,300,181.69	\$41,455,181.69	\$32,592,000.0
HSEMD Administration	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.0
Land Mobile Radio Lease	\$4,000,000.00	\$4,300,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.0
PSAP Formula Payments	\$13,244,518.25	\$17,427,096.40	\$17,500,000.00	\$17,500,000.00	\$17,500,000.0
GIS Grants	\$999,622.62	\$0.00	\$1,695,000.00	\$1,130,000.00	\$1,130,000.0
Network Expenses/Obligations	\$4,529,079.07	\$6,000,000.00	\$5,500,000.00	\$14,500,000.00	\$8,000,000.0
Grants/Surplus Pass Through	\$10,096,516.20	\$4,377,000.00	\$6,900,000.00	\$4,483,181.69	\$2,120,000.0
Council, Public Education, Training	\$3,693.59	\$23,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.0
Total Expenses	\$33,123,429.73	\$32,377,096.40	\$31,945,000.00	\$37,963,181.69	\$29,100,000.0
Projected Operating Surplus Balance	\$15,500,602.39	\$12,300,181.69	\$12,355,181.69	\$3,492,000.00	\$3,492,000.0
Catastrophic Reserve	\$0.00	\$3,501,201.08	\$3,492,000.00	\$3,492,000.00	\$3,492,000.0
Estimated New Surplus	\$0.00	\$2,900,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.0
Actual Balance	\$15,500,602.39				
- Surplus Available	\$15,500,602.39	\$11,698,980.61	\$8,863,181.69	\$0.00	\$0.0

## Table 1 – E911 Surcharge Fund Projected Revenues and Expenditures Under SF 500

**Enactment Date:** This Act was approved by the General Assembly on April 21, 2017, and is currently awaiting approval by the Governor. If enacted, the legislation will take effect on July 1, 2017.

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