

**Senate Study Bill 3237 - Introduced**

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BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON  
WAYS AND MEANS BILL BY  
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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to enhanced 911 emergency telephone systems  
2 and information required for inclusion in an enhanced 911  
3 service plan.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 34A.2, subsection 7, paragraph e,  
2 subparagraph (1), subparagraph division (b), Code 2009, is  
3 amended by striking the subparagraph division and inserting in  
4 lieu thereof the following:

5 (b) Recurring costs, including but not limited to  
6 network access fees and other telephone charges; software  
7 and equipment, including but not limited to reverse mass  
8 notification, voice over internet protocol, telematics,  
9 texting, and video capability; database management;  
10 maintenance; and the purchase or lease of subscriber names,  
11 addresses, and telephone information from the local exchange  
12 service provider. Recurring costs shall not include personnel  
13 costs for a public safety answering point.

14 Sec. 2. Section 34A.2, Code 2009, is amended by adding the  
15 following new subsections:

16 NEW SUBSECTION. 2A. "*Communications service*" means a  
17 service capable of accessing, connecting with, or interfacing  
18 with a 911 system exclusively through the numerals 911 by  
19 dialing, initializing, or otherwise activating the 911 system  
20 by means of a local telephone device, cellular telephone  
21 device, wireless communications device, interconnected voice  
22 over internet protocol device, telematics, or any other means  
23 developed in the future.

24 NEW SUBSECTION. 13A. "*Reverse mass notification*" means  
25 the use of computer technology to deliver recorded emergency  
26 messages to large numbers of people in a specified geographic  
27 area in a short period of time.

28 NEW SUBSECTION. 13B. "*Telematics*" means the use of  
29 wireless data transmission to be used for emergency or safety  
30 communications.

31 NEW SUBSECTION. 13C. "*Voice over internet protocol*" means a  
32 provider who transmits phone calls over a data network using an  
33 internet protocol.

34 EXPLANATION

35 This bill relates to enhanced 911 emergency telephone

1 systems.

2 The bill modifies information which is required to be  
3 included in an enhanced 911 service plan for providing enhanced  
4 911 emergency communications in a specified enhanced 911  
5 service area. Currently, one of these requirements includes  
6 an estimate of recurring costs, including among other costs  
7 those for software and equipment. The bill adds costs for  
8 reverse mass notification, voice over internet protocol,  
9 telematics, texting, and video capability as specific software  
10 and equipment costs for inclusion on the statement.

11 The bill supplies definitions applicable to the additional  
12 software and equipment aspects of recurring costs specified in  
13 the bill. The bill provides that reverse mass notification  
14 means utilizing computerized technology to deliver recorded  
15 emergency messages to large numbers of people in a specified  
16 geographic area in a short period of time. The bill provides  
17 that telematics means the use of wireless data transmission  
18 to be used for emergency or safety communications. The bill  
19 provides that voice over internet protocol means a provider who  
20 transmits phone calls over a data network using an internet  
21 protocol.

22 Additionally, the bill provides a definition of  
23 communications service, a term used several times in Code  
24 chapter 34A, to mean a service capable of accessing, connecting  
25 with, or interfacing with a 911 system exclusively through  
26 the numerals 911 by dialing, initializing, or otherwise  
27 activating the 911 system by means of a local telephone device,  
28 cellular telephone device, wireless communications device,  
29 interconnected voice over internet protocol device, telematics,  
30 or any other means developed in the future.