

House File 290 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act providing for the designation of a single
- 2 point-of-contact to facilitate public safety communications
- 3 regarding emergency communications operations.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 34A.11 Communications — single
2 point-of-contact.

3 1. The joint E911 service board in each enhanced 911
4 service area shall designate a person to serve as a single
5 point-of-contact to facilitate the communication of needs,
6 issues, or concerns regarding emergency communications,
7 interoperability, and other matters applicable to
8 emergency E911 communications and migration to an internet
9 protocol-enabled next generation network. The person
10 designated as the single point-of-contact shall be responsible
11 for facilitating the communication of such needs, issues, or
12 concerns between public or private safety agencies within the
13 service area, the E911 program manager, the E911 communications
14 council, the statewide interoperable communications system
15 board established in section 80.28, and any other person,
16 entity, or agency the person deems necessary or appropriate.
17 The person designated shall also be responsible for responding
18 to surveys or requests for information applicable to the
19 service area received from a federal, state, or local agency,
20 entity, or board.

21 2. In the event a joint E911 service board fails to
22 designate a single point-of-contact by November 1, 2013, the
23 chairperson of the joint E911 service board shall serve in that
24 capacity. The E911 service board shall submit the name and
25 contact information for the person designated as the single
26 point-of-contact to the E911 program manager by January 1
27 annually.

28 3. The provisions of this section shall be equally
29 applicable to an alternative legal entity created pursuant to
30 chapter 28E if such an entity is established as an alternative
31 to a joint E911 service board as provided in section 34A.3.
32 If such an entity is established, the governing body of
33 that entity shall designate the single point-of-contact for
34 the entity, and the chairperson or representative official
35 of the governing body shall serve in the event a single

1 point-of-contact is not designated.

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EXPLANATION

3 This bill provides for the designation of a single
4 point-of-contact to facilitate public safety communications.

5 The bill provides that the joint E911 service board in
6 each enhanced 911 service area shall designate a person
7 to serve as a single point-of-contact to facilitate the
8 communication of needs, issues, or concerns regarding emergency
9 communications, interoperability, and other matters applicable
10 to emergency E911 communications and migration to an internet
11 protocol-enabled next generation network. The bill states that
12 the person designated shall be responsible for facilitating the
13 communication of such needs, issues, or concerns between public
14 or private safety agencies within the service area, the E911
15 program manager, the E911 communications council, the statewide
16 interoperable communications system board established in Code
17 section 80.28, or any other person, entity, or agency the
18 person deems necessary or appropriate. The bill also requires
19 the person designated to respond to surveys or requests for
20 information applicable to the service area received from a
21 federal, state, or local agency, entity, or board.

22 The bill provides that if a joint E911 service board fails to
23 designate a single point-of-contact by November 1, 2013, the
24 chairperson of the joint E911 service board shall serve in that
25 capacity, and requires the E911 service board to submit the
26 name and contact information for the person designated as the
27 single point-of-contact to the E911 program manager by January
28 1 annually.

29 The bill states that its provisions shall be applicable to a
30 legal entity created pursuant to Code chapter 28E if such an
31 entity is established as an alternative to a joint E911 service
32 board as provided in Code section 34A.3, subsection 3. The
33 bill further states that the governing body of that entity
34 shall designate the single point-of-contact for the entity, and
35 the chairperson or representative official of the governing

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1 body shall serve in the event a single point-of-contact is not
2 designated.