

Senate Study Bill 3055 - Introduced

SENATE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE
ON JUDICIARY BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON ZAUN)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to public safety answering point cost and
2 expense data collection and the responsibilities of the
3 auditor of state.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 34A.7A, subsection 5, paragraphs a and b,
2 Code 2022, are amended to read as follows:

3 a. The program manager, in consultation with the 911
4 communications council ~~and the auditor of state~~, shall
5 establish a methodology for determining and collecting
6 comprehensive public safety answering point cost and expense
7 data through the county joint 911 service boards. The
8 methodology shall include the collection of data for all costs
9 and expenses related to the operation of a public safety
10 answering point and account for the extent to which identified
11 costs and expenses are compensated for or addressed through 911
12 surcharges versus other sources of funding.

13 b. Data collection pursuant to paragraph "a" shall commence
14 no later than January 1, 2014, ~~and shall be subject to an audit~~
15 ~~by the auditor of state beginning July 1, 2014~~. The program
16 manager shall prepare a report detailing the methodology
17 developed and the data collected after such data has been
18 collected for a two-year period. The report ~~and the results of~~
19 ~~the initial audit~~ shall be submitted to the general assembly by
20 March 1, 2016. A new report regarding data collection ~~and the~~
21 ~~results of an ongoing audit~~ for each successive two-year period
22 shall be submitted by March 1 every two years thereafter.
23 ~~Expenses associated with the audit shall be paid to the~~
24 ~~auditor of state by the program manager from the 911 emergency~~
25 ~~communications fund established in [subsection 2](#)~~.

26 EXPLANATION

27 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
28 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

29 This bill relates to public safety answering point cost and
30 expense data collection and the responsibilities of the auditor
31 of state.

32 Current law requires the 911 program manager appointed
33 by the director of the department of homeland security
34 and emergency management, in consultation with the 911
35 communications council and the auditor of state, to establish a

1 methodology for determining and collecting comprehensive public
2 safety answering point cost and expense data through the county
3 joint 911 service boards including the collection of data for
4 all costs and expenses. Data collection is subject to an audit
5 by the auditor of state. The report and the results of the
6 initial audit shall be submitted to the general assembly and
7 a new report regarding data collection and the results of an
8 ongoing audit for each successive two-year period shall be
9 submitted by March 1 every two years. Expenses associated
10 with the audit are paid to the auditor of state by the program
11 manager from the 911 emergency communications fund.

12 The bill amends current law to eliminate the auditor of state
13 from inclusion in establishing a methodology for determining
14 and collecting comprehensive public safety answering point
15 cost and expense data through the county joint 911 service
16 boards. The bill provides that the methodology shall include
17 the collection of data for costs and expenses related to the
18 operation of a public safety answering point, and removes the
19 reference to all costs and expenses. The bill removes the
20 requirement for an initial audit or continuing audit by the
21 auditor of state in preparing reports for the general assembly
22 regarding such data collection.