

Senate Study Bill 3008 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to public safety answering points, including
2 limitations, property tax allocation, service requirements,
3 management, consolidation, transfer of duties from joint 911
4 service boards to local emergency management commissions, and
5 reporting requirements, and including transfer and effective
6 date provisions.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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DIVISION I

PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINTS

Section 1. Section 29C.9, subsection 10, Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

~~10. The commission shall, if agreed to by a two-thirds majority of the commission and a two-thirds majority of the joint 911 service board,~~ be responsible for the emergency telephone system activities of a joint 911 service board if substituted for a joint 911 service board pursuant to section 34A.3, subsection 4 required under chapter 34A.

Sec. 2. Section 29C.9, Code 2026, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. 12. Each local emergency management commission, in addition to duties under this chapter and chapter 34A, shall annually submit to the department the following, which the department shall publish on its internet site:

- a. A five-year plan identifying anticipated 911 service infrastructure needs, upgrades, and improvements.
- b. An inventory including all of the following:
 - (1) All agency full-time equivalent positions and associated costs.
 - (2) All equipment owned or used by the agency and associated costs.
 - (3) All structures owned or used by the agency and associated costs.
 - (4) All equipment owned by public safety agencies located within the commission's jurisdiction, including law enforcement, fire protection, emergency medical services, and the sheriff.

Sec. 3. Section 34A.2, Code 2026, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. 13A. "Local emergency management commission" means a local emergency management commission established under section 29C.9, acting pursuant to this chapter.

Sec. 4. NEW SECTION. **34A.2B Public safety answering points — accessing criminal justice information.**

1 A public safety answering point that accesses criminal justice
2 information shall comply with the security policy of the
3 federal bureau of investigation's criminal justice information
4 services and any requirements imposed by the Iowa department of
5 public safety. Each local emergency management commission shall
6 designate the county sheriff as the official responsible for
7 security, training, and compliance in federal and state criminal
8 justice information systems.

9 Sec. 5. Section 34A.3, Code 2026, is amended to read as
10 follows:

11 **34A.3 Joint 911 service board Local emergency management**
12 **commission — 911 service plan — implementation — waivers.**

13 1. ~~Joint 911 service boards~~ Local emergency management
14 commissions — plans.

15 ~~α. The board of supervisors of each county shall maintain a~~
16 ~~joint 911 service board.~~

17 (1) ~~Each political subdivision of the state having a public~~
18 ~~safety agency serving territory within the county and each~~
19 ~~local emergency management agency as defined in section 29C.2~~
20 ~~operating within the area is entitled to voting membership on the~~
21 ~~joint 911 service board. For the purposes of this section, a~~
22 ~~township that operates a volunteer fire department providing fire~~
23 ~~protection services to the township, or a city which provides~~
24 ~~fire protection services through the operation of a volunteer~~
25 ~~fire department not financed through city government, shall be~~
26 ~~considered a political subdivision of the state having a public~~
27 ~~safety agency serving territory within the county. Each private~~
28 ~~safety agency operating within the area is entitled to nonvoting~~
29 ~~membership on the board.~~

30 (2) ~~A township that does not operate its own public safety~~
31 ~~agency, but contracts for the provision of public safety~~
32 ~~services, is not entitled to membership on the joint 911 service~~
33 ~~board, but its contractor is entitled to membership according to~~
34 ~~the contractor's status as a public or private safety agency.~~

35 (3) ~~The sheriff of each county, or the sheriff's designee, is~~

~~1 entitled to voting membership on the joint 911 service board.~~

~~2 (4) The chief of police of each city operating a public
3 safety answering point, or the chief of police's designee, is
4 entitled to voting membership on the joint 911 service board of
5 the county where the city is located.~~

6 ~~b. a. (1) The joint 911 service board local emergency
7 management commission shall maintain a 911 service plan
8 encompassing at minimum the entire county, unless an exemption is
9 granted by the program manager permitting a smaller 911 service
10 area. Except as otherwise authorized in this paragraph, not more
11 than one public safety answering point shall provide 911 service
12 within a county. This subsection does not apply to a public
13 safety answering point operated by the national guard, any branch
14 of the armed forces of the United States, or the department of
15 public safety.~~

16 ~~(2) If a city extends into more than one county, the city,
17 the counties, and the local emergency management commissions
18 serving the city shall enter into an agreement to determine
19 how 911 calls originating from the city are allocated to the
20 public safety answering points in the counties where the city is
21 located.~~

22 ~~b. Public safety answering points providing 911 service
23 within the same county shall at all times maintain communication
24 capabilities with each other and with all public safety agencies
25 within the county, including those providing fire protection, law
26 enforcement, emergency medical services, and the sheriff.~~

27 ~~c. If a public safety answering point receives and addresses
28 a 911 call originating in an area primarily served by another
29 public safety answering point, the local emergency management
30 commission governing the receiving public safety answering point
31 shall bill the local emergency management commission governing
32 the primary public safety answering point no more than the actual
33 cost of receiving and addressing the call. The payments under
34 this subsection shall be made no later than thirty days after the
35 call is addressed.~~

1 ~~(1) The program manager may grant a discretionary exemption~~
2 ~~from the single county minimum service area requirement based~~
3 ~~upon a joint 911 service board's or other 911 service plan~~
4 ~~operating authority's presentation of evidence which supports~~
5 ~~the requested exemption if the program manager finds that local~~
6 ~~conditions make adherence to the minimum standard unreasonable~~
7 ~~or technically infeasible and that the purposes of this chapter~~
8 ~~would be furthered by granting an exemption. The minimum size~~
9 ~~requirement is intended to prevent unnecessary duplication of~~
10 ~~public safety answering points and minimize other administrative,~~
11 ~~personnel, and equipment expenses.~~

12 ~~(2) The program manager may order the inclusion of a specific~~
13 ~~territory not serviced by surrounding 911 service plan areas in~~
14 ~~an adjoining 911 service plan area upon request of the joint 911~~
15 ~~service board representing the territory to avoid the creation by~~
16 ~~exclusion of a territory smaller than a single county.~~

17 ~~e. d.~~ The A 911 service plan operating authority shall
18 submit proposed changes to the plan to all of the following:

19 (1) The program manager.

20 (2) Public and private safety agencies in the 911 service
21 area.

22 (3) Local exchange service providers affected by the 911
23 service plan.

24 2. *Compliance waivers available in limited circumstances.*

25 a. The program manager may extend the time period for plan
26 implementation by issuing a compliance waiver.

27 b. The compliance waiver shall be based upon a joint
28 911 service board's local emergency management commission's
29 presentation of evidence which that supports an extension if the
30 program manager finds that local conditions make implementation
31 financially unreasonable or technically infeasible by the
32 originally scheduled plan of implementation.

33 c. The compliance waiver shall be for a set period of time,
34 and subject to review and renewal or denial of renewal upon its
35 expiration.

1 d. The waiver may cover all or a portion of a 911 service
2 plan's 911 service area to facilitate phased implementation when
3 possible.

4 e. The granting of a compliance waiver does not create a
5 presumption that the identical or similar waiver will be extended
6 in the future.

7 f. Consideration of compliance waivers shall be on a
8 case-by-case basis.

9 ~~3. Chapter 28E agreement — alternative to joint 911 service~~
10 ~~board.—~~

11 ~~a. A legal entity created pursuant to chapter 28E by a county~~
12 ~~or counties, other political divisions, and public or private~~
13 ~~agencies to jointly plan, implement, and operate a countywide,~~
14 ~~or larger, 911 service system may be substituted for the joint~~
15 ~~911 service board required under subsection 1. An alternative~~
16 ~~legal entity created pursuant to chapter 28E as a substitute for~~
17 ~~a joint 911 service board, as permitted by this subsection, may~~
18 ~~be created by either:~~

19 ~~(1) Agreement of the parties entitled to voting membership on~~
20 ~~a joint 911 service board.~~

21 ~~(2) Agreement of the members of a joint 911 service board.~~

22 ~~b. An alternative chapter 28E entity has all of the powers~~
23 ~~of a joint 911 service board and any additional powers granted~~
24 ~~by the agreement. As used in this chapter, "joint 911 service~~
25 ~~board" includes an alternative chapter 28E entity created for~~
26 ~~that purpose, except as specifically limited by the chapter 28E~~
27 ~~agreement or unless clearly provided otherwise in this chapter.~~
28 ~~A chapter 28E agreement related to 911 service shall permit the~~
29 ~~participation of a private safety agency or other persons allowed~~
30 ~~to participate in a joint 911 service board, but the terms,~~
31 ~~scope, and conditions of participation are subject to the chapter~~
32 ~~28E agreement.~~

33 ~~4. Local emergency management commission — alternative to~~
34 ~~911 service board.—~~

35 ~~a. Subject to section 29C.9, subsection 10, a local emergency~~

1 ~~management commission may be substituted for the joint 911~~
2 ~~service board required under subsection 1 by the board of~~
3 ~~supervisors of the county in which the joint 911 service board~~
4 ~~is maintained.~~

5 ~~b. A commission shall have all of the powers of a joint 911~~
6 ~~service board if a commission is substituted for the joint 911~~
7 ~~service board pursuant to paragraph "a".~~

8 ~~c. As used in this chapter, "joint 911 service board"~~
9 ~~includes a commission if a commission is substituted for the~~
10 ~~joint 911 service board pursuant to paragraph "a".~~

11 ~~5. Participation in joint 911 service board required. A~~
12 ~~political subdivision having a public or private safety agency~~
13 ~~within its territory or jurisdiction shall participate in a joint~~
14 ~~911 service board and cooperate in maintaining the 911 service~~
15 ~~plan.~~

16 Sec. 6. Section 34A.7, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2026, is
17 amended to read as follows:

18 When a 911 service plan is implemented, the costs of providing
19 911 service within a 911 service area are the responsibility of
20 the ~~joint 911 service board~~ local emergency management commission
21 and the member political subdivisions. Costs in excess of
22 the amount raised by imposition of the 911 service surcharge
23 provided for under subsection 1 shall be paid by the ~~joint 911~~
24 ~~service board~~ local emergency management commission from such
25 revenue sources allocated among the member political subdivisions
26 as determined by the ~~joint 911 service board~~ local emergency
27 management commission. Funding is not limited to the surcharge,
28 and surcharge revenues may be supplemented by other permissible
29 local and state revenue sources. A ~~joint 911 service board~~ local
30 emergency management commission shall not commit a political
31 subdivision to appropriate property tax revenues to fund a 911
32 service plan without the consent of the political subdivision.
33 A ~~joint 911 service board~~ local emergency management commission
34 may approve a 911 service plan, including a funding formula
35 requiring appropriations by participating political subdivisions,

1 subject to the approval of the funding formula by each political
2 subdivision. However, a political subdivision may agree in
3 advance to appropriate property tax revenues or other moneys
4 according to a formula or plan developed by an alternative
5 chapter 28E entity. Property tax revenues appropriated by a
6 political subdivision under the funding formula for the purpose
7 of supporting public safety answering point operations shall
8 be paid only to the local emergency management commission that
9 operates the primary public safety answering point serving the
10 political subdivision.

11 Sec. 7. Section 34A.11, Code 2026, is amended to read as
12 follows:

13 **34A.11 Communications — single point-of-contact.**

14 1. The ~~joint 911 service board~~ local emergency management
15 commission in each 911 service area shall designate a person
16 to serve as a single point-of-contact to facilitate the
17 communication of needs, issues, or concerns regarding emergency
18 communications, interoperability, and other matters applicable
19 to emergency 911 communications and migration to the next
20 generation 911 network. The person designated as the single
21 point-of-contact shall be responsible for facilitating the
22 communication of such needs, issues, or concerns between public
23 or private safety agencies within the service area, the 911
24 program manager, the 911 communications council, the statewide
25 interoperable communications system board established in section
26 80.28, and any other person, entity, or agency the person deems
27 necessary or appropriate. The person designated shall also be
28 responsible for responding to surveys or requests for information
29 applicable to the service area received from a federal, state, or
30 local agency, entity, or board.

31 2. In the event a ~~joint 911 service board~~ local
32 emergency management commission fails to designate a single
33 point-of-contact by November 1, ~~2013~~ 2026, the ~~chairperson~~
34 ~~of the joint 911 service board~~ county sheriff shall serve
35 in that capacity. The 911 service board shall submit the

1 name and contact information for the person designated as the
2 single point-of-contact to the 911 program manager by January 1
3 annually.

4 ~~3. The provisions of this section shall be equally applicable~~
5 ~~to an alternative legal entity created pursuant to chapter 28E if~~
6 ~~such an entity is established as an alternative to a joint 911~~
7 ~~service board as provided in section 34A.3. If such an entity~~
8 ~~is established, the governing body of that entity shall designate~~
9 ~~the single point-of-contact for the entity, and the chairperson~~
10 ~~or representative official of the governing body shall serve in~~
11 ~~the event a single point-of-contact is not designated.~~

12 Sec. 8. COUNTY CONSOLIDATION — TRANSFERS — IMPLEMENTATION
13 DEADLINE.

14 1. Each county, each city located within the county, each
15 joint 911 service board existing on the effective date of
16 this Act, and each local emergency management commission shall
17 execute a written agreement indicating their intent to reform or
18 consolidate and describing the manner in which the consolidation
19 will occur under this Act.

20 2. The agreement shall include, when applicable, the transfer
21 of all existing funds, debts, and obligations of joint 911
22 service boards to the local emergency management commission, a
23 timeline for completion of the consolidation, and any decision
24 concerning existing multicounty agreements. An employee employed
25 by a public safety answering point that is discontinued due
26 to consolidation under this section shall be given a hiring
27 preference for one year following the employee's last date
28 of employment with the public safety answering point for any
29 similar position with another public safety answering point in
30 Iowa. This subsection shall not be construed to supersede any
31 collective bargaining agreements.

32 3. The agreement shall be submitted to the department of
33 homeland security and emergency management, which shall publish
34 all agreements on its internet site.

35 4. A total of ninety-nine agreements, one per county, shall

1 be executed.

2 5. If a county is in an agreement, as of the effective
3 date of this Act, to either enter into a joint 911 service
4 board under section 34A.3, subsection 3, Code 2026, or other
5 allowable agreement method, or a joint local emergency management
6 commission under section 29C.9, subsection 11, Code 2026, or
7 other allowable agreement method, shall determine with the other
8 counties the county is in current agreements with to either
9 disband entirely or continue in an agreement to consolidate local
10 emergency management commission functions and joint 911 service
11 board functions under a single regionalized local emergency
12 management commission.

13 6. All funds, debts, contract rights, and obligations of each
14 joint 911 service board shall transfer to the local emergency
15 management commission upon the effective date of the agreement
16 executed under this section.

17 7. Agreements required under this section shall be submitted
18 to the department of homeland security and emergency management
19 no later than July 1, 2027.

20 8. All transfers and consolidations required under this Act
21 shall be completed no later than July 1, 2030.

22 Sec. 9. EFFECTIVE DATE. This division of this Act, being
23 deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

24 DIVISION II

25 CONFORMING CHANGES

26 Sec. 10. Section 16.161, Code 2026, is amended to read as
27 follows:

28 **16.161 Authority to issue 911 program bonds and notes.**

29 1. The authority shall assist the program manager, appointed
30 pursuant to section 34A.2A, as provided in chapter 34A,
31 subchapter II, and the authority shall have all of the powers
32 delegated to it by a ~~joint 911 service board~~ local emergency
33 management commission or the department of public defense in a
34 chapter 28E agreement with respect to the issuance and securing
35 of bonds or notes and the carrying out of the purposes of chapter

1 34A.

2 2. The authority shall provide a mechanism for the pooling
3 of funds of two or more ~~joint 911 service boards~~ local emergency
4 management commissions to be used for the joint purchasing of
5 necessary equipment and reimbursement of land-line and wireless
6 service providers' costs for upgrades necessary to provide 911
7 service. When two or more ~~joint 911 service boards~~ local
8 emergency management commissions have agreed to pool funds for
9 the purpose of purchasing necessary equipment to be used in
10 providing 911 service, the authority shall issue bonds and notes
11 as provided in sections 34A.20 through 34A.22.

12 Sec. 11. Section 34A.2, subsection 5, paragraph d,
13 subparagraph (1), unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2026, is amended
14 to read as follows:

15 A statement of estimated costs to be incurred by the ~~joint~~
16 ~~911 service board~~ local emergency management commission or the
17 department of public safety, including separate estimates of the
18 following:

19 Sec. 12. Section 34A.7, subsection 1, paragraph b,
20 subparagraph (1), Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

21 (1) The program manager shall notify a local exchange service
22 provider scheduled to provide exchange access line service to a
23 911 service area that implementation of a 911 service plan has
24 been approved by the ~~joint 911 service board~~ local emergency
25 management commission and that collection of the surcharge is to
26 begin within sixty days.

27 Sec. 13. Section 34A.7, subsection 2, paragraph a, Code 2026,
28 is amended to read as follows:

29 a. The surcharge shall be collected as part of the access
30 line service provider's periodic billing to a subscriber. In
31 compensation for the costs of billing and collection, the local
32 exchange service provider may retain one percent of the gross
33 surcharges collected. If the compensation is insufficient to
34 fully recover a local exchange service provider's costs for
35 billing and collection of the surcharge, the deficiency shall

1 be included in the local exchange service provider's costs for
2 ratemaking purposes to the extent it is reasonable and just
3 under section 476.6. The surcharge shall be remitted to the
4 ~~joint 911 service board~~ local emergency management commission for
5 deposit into the 911 service fund quarterly by the local exchange
6 service provider. The total amount for multiple exchanges may be
7 combined.

8 Sec. 14. Section 34A.7, subsection 2, paragraph c, unnumbered
9 paragraph 1, Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

10 The ~~joint 911 service board~~ local emergency management
11 commission may request, not more than once each quarter, the
12 following information from the local exchange service provider:

13 Sec. 15. Section 34A.7, subsection 4, Code 2026, is amended
14 to read as follows:

15 4. *911 service fund.* Each ~~joint 911 service board~~ local
16 emergency management commission shall establish and maintain as
17 a separate account a 911 service fund. Any funds remaining in
18 the account at the end of each fiscal year shall not revert to
19 the general funds of the member political subdivisions, except as
20 provided in subsection 5, but shall remain in the 911 service
21 fund. Moneys in a 911 service fund may only be used for
22 nonrecurring and recurring costs of the 911 service plan as
23 approved by the program manager, as those terms are defined by
24 section 34A.2.

25 Sec. 16. Section 34A.7, subsection 5, paragraph a, Code 2026,
26 is amended to read as follows:

27 a. Moneys deposited in a 911 service fund shall be used for
28 the repayment of any bonds issued for the benefit of or loan
29 made to the ~~joint 911 service board~~ local emergency management
30 commission pursuant to sections 34A.20 through 34A.22, and as
31 long as any such bond or loan remains unpaid the surcharge shall
32 not be reduced or eliminated. Moneys deposited in the fund shall
33 be subject to such terms and conditions as may be contained in
34 the relevant bond documents, trust indenture, resolution, loan
35 agreement, or other instrument pursuant to which bonds are issued

1 or a loan is made, without regard to any limitation otherwise
2 provided by law.

3 Sec. 17. Section 34A.7A, subsection 2, paragraph b,
4 subparagraph (1), Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

5 (1) The program manager shall allocate to each ~~joint 911~~
6 ~~service board~~ local emergency management commission and to the
7 department of public safety a minimum of one thousand dollars per
8 calendar quarter for each public safety answering point within
9 the service area of the department of public safety or ~~joint 911~~
10 ~~service board~~ local emergency management commission.

11 Sec. 18. Section 34A.7A, subsection 2, paragraph b,
12 subparagraph (2), subparagraph division (c), Code 2026, is
13 amended to read as follows:

14 (c) Notwithstanding subparagraph divisions (a) and (b), the
15 minimum amount allocated to each ~~joint 911 service board~~ local
16 emergency management commission and to the department of public
17 safety shall be no less than one thousand dollars for each public
18 safety answering point within the service area of the department
19 of public safety or ~~joint 911 service board~~ local emergency
20 management commission.

21 Sec. 19. Section 34A.7A, subsection 2, paragraph d,
22 subparagraph (2), Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

23 (2) The program manager may also provide grants to ~~joint 911~~
24 ~~service boards~~ local emergency management commissions and the
25 department of public safety for the purpose of developing and
26 maintaining GIS data to be used in support of the next generation
27 911 network. The program manager shall provide guidelines,
28 application forms, and notice of the availability of such grants
29 on the department's internet site.

30 Sec. 20. Section 34A.7A, subsection 2, paragraph g, Code
31 2026, is amended to read as follows:

32 g. The director, in consultation with the program manager and
33 the 911 communications council, shall adopt rules pursuant to
34 chapter 17A governing the distribution of the surcharge collected
35 and distributed pursuant to this subsection. The rules shall

1 include provisions that all ~~joint 911 service boards~~ local
2 emergency management commissions and the department of public
3 safety which that answer or service wireless 911 calls are
4 eligible to receive an equitable portion of the receipts.

5 Sec. 21. Section 34A.7A, subsection 5, paragraphs a and c,
6 Code 2026, are amended to read as follows:

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

17 c. A ~~county joint 911 service board~~ which local emergency
18 management commission that fails to submit expenses and costs
19 pursuant to the methodology developed pursuant to paragraph "a"
20 by March 31 of each year shall be allocated sixty-five cents out
21 of the one dollar 911 emergency communications service surcharge
22 until March 31 of the following year. Remaining funds shall be
23 held in the carryover operating surplus fund until the expenses
24 and cost report is submitted by the ~~county joint 911 service~~
25 ~~board~~ local emergency management commission. If the ~~county joint~~
26 ~~911 service board~~ local emergency management commission submits
27 the expense and cost report before March 30 of the following
28 year, the set aside funds shall be provided to the ~~county joint~~
29 ~~911 service board~~ local emergency management commission. If
30 the ~~county joint 911 service board~~ local emergency management
31 commission fails to submit the expense and cost report within one
32 year, funds shall revert to the carryover operating surplus fund
33 and be used in accordance with subsection 2, paragraph "f".

34 Sec. 22. Section 34A.8, subsection 2, paragraph b, Code 2026,
35 is amended to read as follows:

1 requirements, management, consolidation, transfer of duties
2 from joint 911 service boards to local emergency management
3 commissions, and reporting requirements.

4 DIVISION I — PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINTS. The bill
5 authorizes the Iowa finance authority to exercise the same
6 bonding and fund-pooling powers when delegated by a local
7 emergency management commission as currently allowed when
8 delegated by a joint 911 service board.

9 The bill requires each local emergency management commission
10 to annually submit to the department of homeland security and
11 emergency management (department) a five-year plan addressing
12 anticipated 911 service infrastructure needs and an inventory
13 of personnel, equipment, structures, and public safety agency
14 equipment within the commission's jurisdiction. The department
15 must publish this information on its internet site.

16 The bill requires each public safety answering point that
17 accesses criminal justice information to comply with the security
18 policy of the federal bureau of investigation's criminal justice
19 information services and any requirements imposed by the Iowa
20 department of public safety. The bill provides that each
21 local emergency management commission must designate the county
22 sheriff as the official responsible for security, training, and
23 compliance in federal and state criminal justice information
24 systems.

25 The bill requires a local emergency management commission to
26 maintain a countywide 911 service plan unless an exemption is
27 granted. The bill limits each county to not more than one PSAP,
28 with exceptions relating to certain cities and for PSAPs operated
29 by the national guard, any branch of the armed forces of the
30 United States, or the department of public safety.

31 The bill requires a city located in more than one county
32 to enter into an agreement with the counties and the local
33 emergency management commissions serving the city to determine
34 how 911 calls originating from the city are allocated to the
35 public safety answering points in the counties where the city is

1 located.

2 The bill requires all PSAPs within a county to maintain
3 communications capabilities with each other and all public safety
4 agencies in the county. If a PSAP receives and addresses a
5 911 call originating in another PSAP's primary service area,
6 the receiving PSAP's governing commission may bill the primary
7 PSAP's governing commission for no more than the actual cost of
8 receiving and addressing the call, payable within 30 days.

9 The bill provides that the local emergency management
10 commission and its member political subdivisions are responsible
11 for the costs of providing 911 service. The bill directs
12 property tax revenues to support PSAP operations to be paid only
13 to the commission that operates the primary PSAP serving the
14 political subdivision.

15 Under current law, joint 911 service boards have numerous
16 duties, powers, and responsibilities concerning 911 services.
17 The bill requires local emergency management commissions to take
18 over the current joint 911 service boards' responsibilities,
19 including the maintenance of a 911 service plan, strikes
20 provisions concerning formation of joint 911 service boards,
21 waivers, and alternatives to joint 911 service boards, and makes
22 certain conforming changes to signify this transfer.

23 The bill continues existing requirements that PSAP cost and
24 expense data be submitted annually to the program manager,
25 and applies the statutory allocation reductions and reversion
26 consequences to a commission that fails to timely submit required
27 information.

28 The bill requires each commission to designate a single point
29 of contact for issues relating to emergency communications,
30 interoperability, and migration to the next generation 911
31 network. If a commission fails to designate a point of contact,
32 the county sheriff serves in that capacity.

33 The bill requires each county, each city within the county,
34 each joint 911 service board, and each local emergency management
35 commission to execute a written agreement describing the manner

1 in which consolidation or reformation under the bill will occur.
2 The agreement must include provisions for transferring funds,
3 debts, and obligations, set a timeline for completion, and
4 address existing multicounty agreements. The bill provides that
5 an employee employed by a public safety answering point that
6 is discontinued due to consolidation must be given a hiring
7 preference for one year following the employee's last date of
8 employment with the public safety answering point for any similar
9 position with another public safety answering point in Iowa.

10 The bill requires the transfer of all funds, debts, contract
11 rights, and obligations of each joint 911 service board to the
12 appropriate commission upon the effective date of the county
13 agreement.

14 Required consolidation agreements must be submitted to the
15 department no later than July 1, 2027, and all transfers and
16 consolidations must be completed no later than July 1, 2030.

17 Division I of the bill takes effect upon enactment.

18 DIVISION II — CONFORMING CHANGES. The bill makes conforming
19 changes, in addition to the changes made in division I of the
20 bill, to signify local emergency management commissions taking
21 over the duties, powers, and responsibilities of joint 911
22 service boards.

23 Division II of the bill takes effect upon enactment.