

**Senate File 2458 - Introduced**

SENATE FILE 2458  
BY COMMITTEE ON LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 3008)

**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,  
5 and reporting requirements, and including transfer and  
6 effective date provisions.  
7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

DIVISION I

PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINTS

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

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

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

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

18 a. A five-year plan identifying anticipated 911 service  
19 infrastructure needs, upgrades, and improvements.

20 b. An inventory including all of the following:

21 (1) All agency full-time equivalent positions and  
22 associated costs.

23 (2) All equipment owned or used by the agency and associated  
24 costs.

25 (3) All structures owned or used by the agency and  
26 associated costs.

27 (4) All equipment owned by public safety agencies  
28 located within the commission's jurisdiction, including law  
29 enforcement, fire protection, emergency medical services, and  
30 the sheriff.

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

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

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

3     A public safety answering point that accesses criminal  
4 justice information shall comply with the security policy  
5 of the federal bureau of investigation's criminal justice  
6 information services and any requirements imposed by the Iowa  
7 department of public safety.

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

10     ~~34A.3 Joint 911 service board~~ Local emergency management  
11 commission — 911 service plan — implementation — waivers.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

29 ~~(1) The program manager may grant a discretionary exemption~~  
30 ~~from the single county minimum service area requirement~~  
31 ~~based upon a joint 911 service board's or other 911 service~~  
32 ~~plan operating authority's presentation of evidence which~~  
33 ~~supports the requested exemption if the program manager finds~~  
34 ~~that local conditions make adherence to the minimum standard~~  
35 ~~unreasonable or technically infeasible and that the purposes~~

1 of ~~this chapter~~ would be furthered by granting an exemption.  
2 The minimum size requirement is intended to prevent unnecessary  
3 duplication of public safety answering points and minimize  
4 other administrative, personnel, and equipment expenses.

5 (2) ~~The program manager may order the inclusion of a~~  
6 ~~specific territory not serviced by surrounding 911 service plan~~  
7 ~~areas in an adjoining 911 service plan area upon request of the~~  
8 ~~joint 911 service board representing the territory to avoid~~  
9 ~~the creation by exclusion of a territory smaller than a single~~  
10 ~~county.~~

11 c. The A 911 service plan operating authority shall submit  
12 proposed changes to the plan to all of the following:

13 (1) The program manager.

14 (2) Public and private safety agencies in the 911 service  
15 area.

16 (3) Local exchange service providers affected by the 911  
17 service plan.

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

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

21 b. The compliance waiver shall be based upon a ~~joint~~  
22 ~~911 service board's~~ local emergency management commission's  
23 presentation of evidence ~~which~~ that supports an extension  
24 if the program manager finds that local conditions make  
25 implementation financially unreasonable or technically  
26 infeasible by the originally scheduled plan of implementation.

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

30 d. The waiver may cover all or a portion of a 911 service  
31 plan's 911 service area to facilitate phased implementation  
32 when possible.

33 e. The granting of a compliance waiver does not create  
34 a presumption that the identical or similar waiver will be  
35 extended in the future.

1     *f.* Consideration of compliance waivers shall be on a  
2 case-by-case basis.

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

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

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

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

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

27     ~~4. Local emergency management commission — alternative to~~  
28 ~~911 service board.~~

29     ~~a.~~ Subject to ~~section 29C.9, subsection 10,~~ a local  
30 emergency management commission may be substituted for the  
31 joint 911 service board required under ~~subsection 1~~ by the  
32 board of supervisors of the county in which the joint 911  
33 service board is maintained.

34     ~~b.~~ A commission shall have all of the powers of a joint 911  
35 service board if a commission is substituted for the joint 911

1 ~~service board pursuant to paragraph "a".~~

2 ~~c. As used in [this chapter](#), "joint 911 service board"~~  
3 ~~includes a commission if a commission is substituted for the~~  
4 ~~joint 911 service board pursuant to paragraph "a".~~

5 ~~5. *Participation in joint 911 service board required.* A~~  
6 ~~political subdivision having a public or private safety agency~~  
7 ~~within its territory or jurisdiction shall participate in a~~  
8 ~~joint 911 service board and cooperate in maintaining the 911~~  
9 ~~service plan.~~

10 3. Consolidation.

11 a. On or before December 31, 2026, each joint 911 service  
12 board existing on the effective date of this Act shall submit  
13 to the department of homeland security and emergency management  
14 a letter of intent to consolidate all public safety answering  
15 points within the county to one and transfer all funds,  
16 debts, contract rights, and obligations to the local emergency  
17 management commission by December 31, 2031. On or before  
18 December 31, 2027, each county shall submit to the department a  
19 plan on how the county will reform or consolidate within the  
20 required time frame. This paragraph is repealed on January 1,  
21 2033.

22 b. An employee employed by a public safety answering point  
23 whose employment is discontinued due to consolidation under  
24 this subsection shall be given a hiring preference for one  
25 year following the employee's last date of employment with the  
26 public safety answering point for any similar position with  
27 another public safety answering point in Iowa. This paragraph  
28 shall not be construed to supersede any collective bargaining  
29 agreements. This paragraph is repealed on January 1, 2033.

30 c. A county that contains more than one public safety  
31 answering point after December 31, 2031, shall be allocated  
32 one dollar out of the one dollar and twenty cent surcharge  
33 implemented pursuant to section 34A.7A. The remaining  
34 statutory allocation of twenty cents shall be evenly  
35 distributed to all other counties not exceeding one public

1 service answering point within the county.

2 d. Except for transfer requirements from joint 911 service  
3 boards existing on the effective date of this Act to local  
4 emergency management commissions, this subsection does not  
5 apply to a county with only one public safety answering point  
6 on July 1, 2026, or to any public safety answering points  
7 operated by the national guard, any branch of the armed forces  
8 of the United States, or the department of public safety.

9 e. Each joint 911 service board existing on the effective  
10 date of this Act shall transfer all funds, debts, contract  
11 rights, and obligations to the local emergency management  
12 commission no later December 31, 2031. This paragraph is  
13 repealed on January 1, 2033.

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

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

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

10 Sec. 7. Section 34A.7, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code 2026,  
11 is amended to read as follows:

12 a. To encourage local implementation of 911 service, one  
13 source of funding for 911 emergency communication systems shall  
14 come from a surcharge per month, per access line on each access  
15 line subscriber, of one dollar and twenty cents.

16 Sec. 8. Section 34A.7A, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code  
17 2026, is amended to read as follows:

18 a. The director shall adopt by rule a monthly surcharge  
19 of one dollar and twenty cents to be imposed on each  
20 originating service number provided in this state. The  
21 surcharge shall be imposed uniformly on a statewide basis  
22 and simultaneously on all originating service numbers as  
23 provided by rule of the director. The surcharge shall not be  
24 imposed on wire-line-based communications or prepaid wireless  
25 telecommunications service.

26 Sec. 9. Section 34A.7A, subsection 5, paragraph c, Code  
27 2026, is amended to read as follows:

28 c. A county joint 911 service board ~~which~~ that fails to  
29 submit expenses and costs pursuant to the methodology developed  
30 pursuant to paragraph "a" by March 31 of each year shall be  
31 allocated sixty-five cents out of the one dollar and twenty  
32 cent 911 emergency communications service surcharge until March  
33 31 of the following year. Remaining funds shall be held in the  
34 carryover operating surplus fund until the expenses and cost  
35 report is submitted by the county joint 911 service board. If

1 the county joint 911 service board submits the expense and cost  
2 report before March 30 of the following year, the set aside  
3 funds shall be provided to the county joint 911 service board.  
4 If the county joint 911 service board fails to submit the  
5 expense and cost report within one year, funds shall revert to  
6 the carryover operating surplus fund and be used in accordance  
7 with [subsection 2](#), paragraph "f".

8 Sec. 10. Section 34A.11, Code 2026, is amended to read as  
9 follows:

10 **34A.11 Communications — single point-of-contact.**

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

28 2. In the event a ~~joint 911 service board~~ local  
29 emergency management commission fails to designate a single  
30 point-of-contact by November 1, ~~2013~~ 2026, the ~~chairperson~~  
31 ~~of the joint 911 service board~~ county sheriff shall serve in  
32 that capacity. The 911 service board shall submit the name  
33 and contact information for the person designated as the  
34 single point-of-contact to the 911 program manager by January  
35 1 annually.



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

4     A statement of estimated costs to be incurred by the ~~joint~~  
5 ~~911 service board~~ local emergency management commission or the  
6 department of public safety, including separate estimates of  
7 the following:

8     Sec. 14. Section 34A.7, subsection 1, paragraph b,  
9 subparagraph (1), Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

10     (1) The program manager shall notify a local exchange  
11 service provider scheduled to provide exchange access line  
12 service to a 911 service area that implementation of a 911  
13 service plan has been approved by the ~~joint 911 service board~~  
14 local emergency management commission and that collection of  
15 the surcharge is to begin within sixty days.

16     Sec. 15. Section 34A.7, subsection 2, paragraph a, Code  
17 2026, is amended to read as follows:

18     a. The surcharge shall be collected as part of the access  
19 line service provider's periodic billing to a subscriber. In  
20 compensation for the costs of billing and collection, the local  
21 exchange service provider may retain one percent of the gross  
22 surcharges collected. If the compensation is insufficient to  
23 fully recover a local exchange service provider's costs for  
24 billing and collection of the surcharge, the deficiency shall  
25 be included in the local exchange service provider's costs for  
26 ratemaking purposes to the extent it is reasonable and just  
27 under [section 476.6](#). The surcharge shall be remitted to the  
28 ~~joint 911 service board~~ local emergency management commission  
29 for deposit into the 911 service fund quarterly by the local  
30 exchange service provider. The total amount for multiple  
31 exchanges may be combined.

32     Sec. 16. Section 34A.7, subsection 2, paragraph c,  
33 unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2026, is amended to read as  
34 follows:

35     The ~~joint 911 service board~~ local emergency management

1 commission may request, not more than once each quarter, the  
2 following information from the local exchange service provider:

3 Sec. 17. Section 34A.7, subsection 4, Code 2026, is amended  
4 to read as follows:

5 4. *911 service fund.* Each ~~joint 911 service board~~ local  
6 emergency management commission shall establish and maintain  
7 as a separate account a 911 service fund. Any funds remaining  
8 in the account at the end of each fiscal year shall not revert  
9 to the general funds of the member political subdivisions,  
10 except as provided in [subsection 5](#), but shall remain in the 911  
11 service fund. Moneys in a 911 service fund may only be used  
12 for nonrecurring and recurring costs of the 911 service plan  
13 as approved by the program manager, as those terms are defined  
14 by [section 34A.2](#).

15 Sec. 18. Section 34A.7, subsection 5, paragraph a, Code  
16 2026, is amended to read as follows:

17 a. Moneys deposited in a 911 service fund shall be used for  
18 the repayment of any bonds issued for the benefit of or loan  
19 made to the ~~joint 911 service board~~ local emergency management  
20 commission pursuant to [sections 34A.20 through 34A.22](#), and as  
21 long as any such bond or loan remains unpaid the surcharge  
22 shall not be reduced or eliminated. Moneys deposited in the  
23 fund shall be subject to such terms and conditions as may be  
24 contained in the relevant bond documents, trust indenture,  
25 resolution, loan agreement, or other instrument pursuant to  
26 which bonds are issued or a loan is made, without regard to any  
27 limitation otherwise provided by law.

28 Sec. 19. Section 34A.7A, subsection 2, paragraph b,  
29 subparagraph (1), Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

30 (1) The program manager shall allocate to each ~~joint 911~~  
31 ~~service board~~ local emergency management commission and to the  
32 department of public safety a minimum of one thousand dollars  
33 per calendar quarter for each public safety answering point  
34 within the service area of the department of public safety or  
35 ~~joint 911 service board~~ local emergency management commission.

1     Sec. 20. Section 34A.7A, subsection 2, paragraph b,  
2 subparagraph (2), subparagraph division (c), Code 2026, is  
3 amended to read as follows:

4     (c) Notwithstanding subparagraph divisions (a) and (b), the  
5 minimum amount allocated to each ~~joint 911 service board~~ local  
6 emergency management commission and to the department of public  
7 safety shall be no less than one thousand dollars for each  
8 public safety answering point within the service area of the  
9 department of public safety or ~~joint 911 service board~~ local  
10 emergency management commission.

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

13     (2) The program manager may also provide grants to ~~joint~~  
14 ~~911 service boards~~ local emergency management commissions and  
15 the department of public safety for the purpose of developing  
16 and maintaining GIS data to be used in support of the next  
17 generation 911 network. The program manager shall provide  
18 guidelines, application forms, and notice of the availability  
19 of such grants on the department's internet site.

20     Sec. 22. Section 34A.7A, subsection 2, paragraph g, Code  
21 2026, is amended to read as follows:

22     g. The director, in consultation with the program manager  
23 and the 911 communications council, shall adopt rules pursuant  
24 to [chapter 17A](#) governing the distribution of the surcharge  
25 collected and distributed pursuant to [this subsection](#). The  
26 rules shall include provisions that all ~~joint 911 service~~  
27 ~~boards~~ local emergency management commissions and the  
28 department of public safety ~~which~~ that answer or service  
29 wireless 911 calls are eligible to receive an equitable portion  
30 of the receipts.

31     Sec. 23. Section 34A.7A, subsection 5, paragraphs a and c,  
32 Code 2026, are amended to read as follows:

33     a. The program manager, in consultation with the 911  
34 communications council and the auditor of state, shall  
35 establish a methodology for determining and collecting public

1 safety answering point cost and expense data through the  
2 ~~county joint 911 service boards~~ local emergency management  
3 commissions. The methodology shall include the collection of  
4 data for direct costs and expenses related to the operation  
5 of a public safety answering point and account for the extent  
6 to which identified costs and expenses are compensated for  
7 or addressed through 911 surcharges versus other sources of  
8 funding.

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

27 Sec. 24. Section 34A.8, subsection 2, paragraph b, Code  
28 2026, is amended to read as follows:

29 b. The director, program manager, ~~joint 911 service board~~,  
30 local emergency management commission established pursuant  
31 to [section 29C.9](#), the designated next generation 911 network  
32 service provider, and the public safety answering point, and  
33 their agents, employees, and assigns, shall use local exchange  
34 service information provided by the local exchange service  
35 provider solely for the purposes of providing 911 emergency

1 telephone service or providing related mass notification and  
2 emergency messaging services as described in [section 29C.17A](#)  
3 utilizing only the subscriber's information, and local exchange  
4 service information shall otherwise be kept confidential.  
5 A person who violates this paragraph is guilty of a simple  
6 misdemeanor.

7 Sec. 25. Section 34A.12, Code 2026, is amended to read as  
8 follows:

9 **34A.12 Delivery of 911 calls — reimbursement.**

10 The program manager may request reimbursement from each  
11 ~~joint 911 service board~~ local emergency management commission  
12 for reasonable costs under [section 34A.7A](#) related to the  
13 delivery of 911 call traffic to public safety answering  
14 points. Upon request, each ~~joint 911 service board~~ local  
15 emergency management commission shall reimburse the department  
16 of homeland security and emergency management for such costs  
17 within thirty days.

18 Sec. 26. Section 34A.21, subsection 1, paragraph c, Code  
19 2026, is amended to read as follows:

20 c. The amounts on deposit in the 911 service fund of a  
21 ~~joint 911 service board~~ local emergency management commission,  
22 including, but not limited to revenues from a local option 911  
23 service surcharge.

24 Sec. 27. EFFECTIVE DATE. This division of this Act, being  
25 deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

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 points,  
30 including setting limitations, property tax allocation, service  
31 requirements, management, consolidation, transfer of duties  
32 from joint 911 service boards to local emergency management  
33 commissions, and reporting requirements.

34 DIVISION I — PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINTS. The bill  
35 authorizes the Iowa finance authority to exercise the same

1 bonding and fund-pooling powers when delegated by a local  
2 emergency management commission as currently allowed when  
3 delegated by a joint 911 service board.

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

11 The bill requires each public safety answering point that  
12 accesses criminal justice information to comply with the  
13 security policy of the federal bureau of investigation's  
14 criminal justice information services and any requirements  
15 imposed by the Iowa department of public safety.

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

22 The bill requires a city located in more than one county  
23 to enter into an agreement with the counties and the local  
24 emergency management commissions serving the city to determine  
25 how 911 calls originating from the city are allocated to the  
26 public safety answering points in the counties where the city  
27 is located.

28 The bill requires all PSAPs within a county to maintain  
29 communications capabilities with each other and all public  
30 safety agencies in the county.

31 The bill requires each joint 911 service board existing on  
32 the effective date of the bill to submit to the department  
33 by December 31, 2026, a letter of intent to consolidate all  
34 public safety answering points within the county to one and  
35 transfer all funds, debts, contract rights, and obligations

1 to the applicable commission by December 31, 2031. The bill  
2 also requires each county to submit a plan to the department  
3 by December 31, 2027, detailing how the county will reform or  
4 consolidate within the required time frame.

5 The bill provides that an employee employed by a  
6 public safety answering point that is discontinued due to  
7 consolidation must be given a hiring preference for one year  
8 following the employee's last date of employment with the  
9 public safety answering point for any similar position with  
10 another public safety answering point in Iowa.

11 The bill provides that a county that contains more than one  
12 public safety answering point after December 31, 2031, is only  
13 allocated \$1.00 out of the \$1.20 surcharge implemented under  
14 Code section 34A.7A, as amended by the bill. The bill directs  
15 the remaining allocation to be distributed evenly to all other  
16 compliant counties.

17 The consolidation requirements of the bill do not apply to  
18 counties with only one public safety answering point or to  
19 public safety answering points operated by the national guard,  
20 any branch of the armed forces of the United States, or the  
21 department of public safety.

22 The bill requires the transfer of all funds, debts, contract  
23 rights, and obligations of each joint 911 service board to the  
24 local emergency management commission by December 31, 2031.

25 The bill provides that the local emergency management  
26 commission and its member political subdivisions are  
27 responsible for the costs of providing 911 service. The bill  
28 directs property tax revenues to support PSAP operations to  
29 be paid only to the commission that operates the primary PSAP  
30 serving the political subdivision.

31 Under current law, there is a surcharge of \$1.00 per month on  
32 each access line and originating service number for purposes of  
33 supporting 911 service. The bill increases this surcharge to  
34 \$1.20 per month and makes conforming changes.

35 Under current law, joint 911 service boards have

1 numerous duties, powers, and responsibilities concerning  
2 911 services. The bill requires local emergency management  
3 commissions to take over the current joint 911 service boards'  
4 responsibilities, including the maintenance of a 911 service  
5 plan, strikes provisions concerning formation of joint 911  
6 service boards, waivers, and alternatives to joint 911 service  
7 boards, and makes certain conforming changes to signify this  
8 transfer.

9 The bill continues existing requirements that PSAP cost and  
10 expense data be submitted annually to the program manager,  
11 and applies the statutory allocation reductions and reversion  
12 consequences to a commission that fails to timely submit  
13 required information.

14 Division I of the bill takes effect upon enactment.

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

20 Division II of the bill takes effect upon enactment.