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HOUSE BILL 2658

Short Title: Allow 911 Funds for 2-Way Radios.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Pate; Howard, McGee, and Tarleton.

Referred to: Finance.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ALLOW PSAPS TO USE 911 FUNDS TO PURCHASE TWO-WAY
RADIOS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Subsection (c) of G.S. 62A-46 reads as rewritten:

"(c) Use of Funds. – A PSAP that receives a distribution from the 911 Fund may not use the amount received to pay for the lease or purchase of real estate, cosmetic remodeling of emergency dispatch centers, hiring or compensating telecommunicators, or the purchase of mobile communications vehicles, ambulances, fire engines, or other emergency vehicles. Distributions received by a PSAP may be used only to pay for the following:

- (1) The lease, purchase, or maintenance of emergency telephone equipment, including necessary computer hardware, software, and database provisioning, addressing, and nonrecurring costs of establishing a 911 system.
- (2) Expenditures for in-State training of 911 personnel regarding the maintenance and operation of the 911 system. Allowable training expenses include the cost of transportation, lodging, instructors, certifications, improvement programs, quality assurance training, and training associated with call taking, and emergency medical, fire, or law enforcement procedures. Training outside the State is not an eligible expenditure unless the training is unavailable in the State or the PSAP documents that the training costs are less if received out-of-state. Training specific to the receipt of 911 calls is allowed only for intake and related call taking quality assurance and improvement. Instructor certification costs and course required prerequisites, including physicals, psychological exams, and drug testing, are not allowable expenditures.

1 (3) Charges associated with the service supplier's 911 service and other
2 service supplier recurring charges. The PSAP providing 911 service is
3 responsible to the voice communications service provider for all 911
4 installation, service, equipment, operation, and maintenance charges
5 owed to the voice communications service provider. A PSAP may
6 contract with a voice communications service provider on terms
7 agreed to by the PSAP and the provider.

8 (4) The lease, purchase, or maintenance of two-way radios for use in
9 support of the 911 system, provided that no more than fifty percent
10 (50%) of the total distribution to the PSAP is used for this purpose."

11 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2009.