FINAL BILL REPORT SHB 2543

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Concerning the enhanced 911 advisory committee.

Sponsors: By House Committee on Technology, Energy & Communications (originally sponsored by Representatives Kilmer, Crouse, Nixon, Hudgins, Morrell, Green and Lantz; by request of Military Department).

House Committee on Technology, Energy & Communications Senate Committee on Government Operations & Elections

Background:

Enhanced 911 (E-911) automatically displays the caller's name, phone number, and location to a 911 operator. An E-911 system was established in Washington by referendum in 1991.

The E-911 coordinator is responsible for the implementation and operation of the E-911 system in the state. The coordinator is assisted by the E-911 Advisory Committee, appointed by the Adjutant General of the state Military Department, which is composed of fire, safety, utility, telecommunication, and local government officials. The purpose of the E-911 Advisory Committee is to assist and coordinate the counties' operation and continued advancement of E-911 systems that provide expedient, reliable public access to emergency services statewide. There are 27 members on the Advisory Committee.

The E-911 Advisory Committee is set to expire on December 31, 2006.

Summary:

The expiration date for the E-911 Advisory Committee is extended to December 31, 2011.

A representative from a voice-over-internet protocol company is added to the membership of the E-911 Advisory Committee. The Committee must annually provide an update on the status of E-911 service in the state to the appropriate committees of the Legislature.

Votes on Final Passage:

House 95 0

Senate 47 0 (Senate amended) House 95 0 (House concurred)

Effective: June 7, 2006