

CHAMBER ACTION

1 The Committee on Business Regulation recommends the following:

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3 **Committee Substitute**

4 Remove the entire bill and insert:

5 A bill to be entitled

6 An act relating to telecommunications services; amending  
7 s. 365.172, F.S.; requiring the board of directors of the  
8 Wireless 911 Board to establish a subcommittee to analyze  
9 the cost and effectiveness of a nonemergency 311 telephone  
10 system; requiring the subcommittee make a report to the  
11 board; providing an effective date.

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13 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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15 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (6) of section  
16 365.172, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

17 365.172 Wireless emergency telephone number "E911."--

18 (6) AUTHORITY OF THE BOARD; ANNUAL REPORT.--

19 (a) The board shall:

20 1. Administer the E911 fee.

21 2. Implement, maintain, and oversee the fund.

22 3. Review and oversee the disbursement of the revenues  
23 deposited into the fund as provided in s. 365.173. The board may

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24 | establish a schedule for implementing wireless E911 service by  
25 | service area, and prioritize disbursements of revenues from the  
26 | fund to providers and rural counties as provided in s.  
27 | 365.173(2)(b) and (c) pursuant to the schedule, in order to  
28 | implement E911 services in the most efficient and cost-effective  
29 | manner.

30 |       4. Review documentation submitted by providers which  
31 | reflects current and projected funds derived from the E911 fee,  
32 | and the expenses incurred and expected to be incurred, in order  
33 | to comply with the E911 service requirements contained in the  
34 | order for the purposes of:

35 |       a. Ensuring that providers receive fair and equitable  
36 | distributions of funds from the fund.

37 |       b. Ensuring that providers are not provided disbursements  
38 | from the fund which exceed the costs of providing E911 service,  
39 | including the costs of complying with the order.

40 |       c. Ascertaining the projected costs of compliance with the  
41 | requirements of the order and projected collections of the E911  
42 | fee.

43 |       d. Implementing changes to the allocation percentages or  
44 | reducing the E911 fee under paragraph (8)(c).

45 |       5. Review and approve or reject, in whole or in part,  
46 | applications submitted by providers for recovery of moneys  
47 | deposited into the fund.

48 |       6. Hire and retain employees for the purposes of  
49 | performing the technical and administrative functions for the  
50 | board.

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51           7. Make and enter into contracts, pursuant to chapter 287,  
52 and execute other instruments necessary or convenient for the  
53 exercise of the powers and functions of the board.

54           8. Take all necessary and reasonable steps by July 1,  
55 2000, to secure appropriate information and reports from  
56 providers and otherwise perform all of the functions that would  
57 be performed by an independent accounting firm prior to  
58 completing the request-for-proposals process under subsection  
59 (7).

60           9. Sue and be sued, and appear and defend in all actions  
61 and proceedings, in its corporate name to the same extent as a  
62 natural person.

63           10. Adopt, use, and alter a common corporate seal.

64           11. Elect or appoint the officers and agents that are  
65 required by the affairs of the board.

66           12. The board may adopt rules under ss. 120.536(1) and  
67 120.54 to implement this section and ss. 365.173 and 365.174.

68           13. Provide coordination, support, and technical  
69 assistance to counties to promote the deployment of advanced 911  
70 and E911 systems in the state.

71           14. Provide coordination and support for educational  
72 opportunities related to 911 issues for the 911 community in  
73 this state.

74           15. Act as an advocate for issues related to 911 system  
75 functions, features, and operations to improve the delivery of  
76 911 services to the residents of and visitors to this state.

77           16. Coordinate input from this state at national forums  
78 and associations, to ensure that policies related to 911 systems

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79 | and services are consistent with the policies of the 911  
80 | community in this state.

81 |       17. Work cooperatively with the system director  
82 | established in s. 365.171(5) to enhance the state of 911  
83 | services in this state and to provide unified leadership for all  
84 | 911 issues through planning and coordination.

85 |       18. Do all acts and things necessary or convenient to  
86 | carry out the powers granted in this section, including but not  
87 | limited to, consideration of emerging technology and related  
88 | cost savings.

89 |       19. No later than August 1, 2004, establish a subcommittee  
90 | responsible for analyzing the cost and effectiveness of a  
91 | nonemergency 311 system, including the potential to improve the  
92 | overall efficiency of an existing 911 system or reduce 911 call  
93 | processing times. The subcommittee shall report its findings and  
94 | recommendations to the board by December 31, 2004.

95 |       Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.