

Modernization and Balanced Funding of 911 Systems

Highlights of Proposed Legislation

ACCG along with other stakeholders is drafting potential legislation for this session which incorporates the following:

- ❖ Elimination of the inequities in prepaid wireless rates by making the 911 fee \$1.50 per month for all types of services.
- ❖ Elimination of the cost recovery provision for billing PSAP's. Wireless providers retain the ability to charge their subscribers a cost recovery fee, but will no longer bill the PSAP's.
- ❖ Create the Local Government 9-1-1 Authority which will be an independent authority with a board made up of local government representatives, a GEMA representative, a Department of Public Safety representative and service providers. The Authority through its board of directors will serve as the coordinating body for all 911 activities in the state which will include, but not be limited to the following;
 - Develop guidelines and standards for coordination and implementation of a state wide emergency 911 system including next generation systems,
 - Provide statewide auditing of service suppliers to ensure compliance with payment of 911 fees,
 - Provide oversight of service suppliers to ensure compliance with all requirements for registration and reporting,
 - Collect 911 fees paid by service suppliers in a centralized location. Fees will be reported and remitted by service suppliers and providers on a monthly basis by jurisdiction to the Authority. The Authority will then transfer 911 fee payments to the jurisdiction for which they have been paid on a monthly basis. This will provide centralized collections without the 911 fees ever being deposited in the state general fund. This will also enable the authority to conduct routine audits to ensure each PSAP is receiving all of the fees for which it is entitled,
 - Provide a policy making body to promulgate standards and rules for training for all 911 centers and 911 operations,
 - Ongoing evaluation of Georgia's 911 system.