

SENATE FILE NO. SF0032

911 funding.

Sponsored by: Joint Corporations, Elections & Political
Subdivisions Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to emergency telephone service; requiring a
2 study on next generation 911 service; authorizing a grant
3 program to fund shortfalls in current 911 service;
4 requiring rulemaking; making a conforming amendment;
5 requiring a report; specifying applicability; providing an
6 appropriation; and providing for an effective date.

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8 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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10 **Section 1.** W.S. 16-9-113 is created to read:

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12 **16-9-113. 911 study and grants.**

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14 (a) From funds appropriated for that purpose, the
15 department of transportation shall conduct a study, with

1 input from the stakeholders and industry, examining the
2 transition to next generation 911 within the state of
3 Wyoming. The study shall include, without limitation,
4 governance of the 911 system, operations, expenses,
5 efficiencies and funding. The results of the study under
6 this subsection shall be reported to the joint
7 corporations, elections and political subdivisions interim
8 committee not later than September 1, 2027.

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10 (b) From funds appropriated for that purpose, the
11 department of transportation is authorized to provide
12 grants to a governing body for any shortfall in funding
13 necessary to operate the current 911 system. Any governing
14 body that currently operates a 911 system may apply to the
15 department of transportation for a grant as provided in
16 this section. The governing body shall submit an
17 application to the department detailing the shortfall in
18 funding and any other information required by the
19 department. The department shall approve a grant for any
20 amounts requested in an application that the department
21 determines are necessary to operate the current 911 system.

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23 **Section 2.** W.S. 16-9-102(a) (x) is amended to read:

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2 **16-9-102. Definitions.**

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4 (a) As used in this act:

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6 (x) "This act" means W.S. 16-9-101 through
7 ~~16-9-111~~ 16-9-113;

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9 **Section 3.** The department of transportation shall
10 begin accepting applications for grants under W.S.
11 16-9-113(b) as created by section 1 of this act not later
12 than July 1, 2026.

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14 **Section 4.** There is appropriated three million seven
15 hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$3,750,000.00) from the
16 legislative stabilization reserve account to the department
17 of transportation for purposes of this act for the period
18 beginning with the effective date of this act and ending
19 June 30, 2028. Of this appropriation, three million dollars
20 (\$3,000,000.00) shall only be used to award grants to
21 governing bodies under W.S. 16-9-113(b) as created by
22 section 1 of this act and seven hundred fifty thousand
23 dollars (\$750,000.00) shall only be used to conduct the

1 study required under W.S. 16-9-113(a) as created by section
2 1 of this act. This appropriation shall not be transferred
3 or expended for any other purpose and any unexpended,
4 unobligated funds remaining from this appropriation shall
5 revert as provided by law on June 30, 2028.

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7 **Section 5.** This act is effective immediately upon
8 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
9 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
10 Constitution.

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