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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO.

911 funding.

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

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to emergency telephone service; authorizing
2 applications for grants to transition to and operate next
3 generation 911 service; requiring rulemaking; making a
4 conforming amendment; specifying applicability; providing
5 an appropriation; and providing for an effective date.

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

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

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11 **16-9-113. 911 grants.**

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1 (a) From funds appropriated for that purpose, the
2 department of transportation is authorized to provide
3 grants to a governing body to transition to or operate a
4 next generation 911 system or a similar internet based 911
5 system that allows additional communication with the 911
6 system including through text, images, video and other
7 communication methods.

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9 (b) Any governing body that currently operates a 911
10 system may apply to the department of transportation for a
11 grant necessary to transition to or operate a next
12 generation 911 system as provided in this section. The
13 governing body shall submit an application to the
14 department describing any necessary changes to its current
15 911 system that will be made to transition to a next
16 generation 911 system, the costs of the changes, the costs
17 to operate the next generation 911 system and any other
18 information required by the department. The department
19 shall approve a grant for any amounts requested in an
20 application that the department determines are necessary to
21 transition to or operate a next generation 911 system. To
22 the extent required by an application, and to the extent
23 funds are available, the department may approve an

1 application for one (1) or more additional years to provide
2 ongoing funding for the operation of the next generation
3 911 system. The department shall adopt rules necessary to
4 implement this section.

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6 (c) If the funds appropriated to the department of
7 transportation for grants under this section are
8 insufficient to provide full funding for all approved
9 applications in any year, the department of transportation
10 shall reduce distributions proportionately based on the
11 total amount of funding approved for that year and the
12 total amount of funds available.

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16 **STAFF COMMENT**

17 It may be advisable to specify a maximum amount of funding
18 per governing body that can be approved under this section
19 in any year. One option may be to limit the amount of
20 funding in a year to an amount equal to the amount that the
21 governing body received for 911 funding under W.S. 16-9-103
22 and 16-9-109, or a percentage of that amount (either higher
23 or lower).

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

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29 **16-9-102. Definitions.**

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2 (a) As used in this act:

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4 (x) "This act" means W.S. 16-9-101 through ~~16-9-~~
5 ~~111-16-9-113~~;

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7 **Section 3.** The department of transportation shall
8 begin accepting applications for 911 grants under W.S. 16-
9 9-113 as created by section 1 of this act not later than
10 January 15, 2027.

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12 **Section 4.** There is appropriated XXX dollars (\$X.00)
13 from [insert account] to the department of transportation
14 for purposes of this act for the period beginning July 1,
15 2026 and ending June 30, 2028. This appropriation shall
16 only be used to award grants to governing bodies under W.S.
17 16-9-113 as created by section 1 of this act. This
18 appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any
19 other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds
20 remaining from this appropriation shall revert as provided
21 by law on June 30, 2028. It is the intent of the
22 legislature that the funding to implement the 911 grant
23 program be included in the department of transportation's

1 budget request for the immediately succeeding fiscal
2 biennium.

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4 **Section 5.** This act is effective July 1, 2026.

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6 (END)