

House Bill 1466

By: Representatives Lunsford of the 110th, Forster of the 3rd, Yates of the 73rd, and Knight of the 126th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 4 of Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia
2 Annotated, relating to the emergency telephone number 9-1-1 system, so as to define certain
3 terms; to provide for a 9-1-1 surcharge on prepaid wireless service subscriptions; to provide
4 for the collection of such surcharge and the deposit of the same into the state treasury; to
5 provide for the Emergency 9-1-1 Assistance Fund; to provide a statement of intent vis-a-vis
6 the appropriation of funds; to provide for the lapse of unexpended amounts; to provide for
7 administration of the fund by the Department of Community Affairs; to provide for
8 assistance grants to local governments operating or implementing emergency 9-1-1 systems;
9 to provide for the Emergency 9-1-1 Assistance Fund Committee; to provide for membership,
10 appointment, and terms; to provide that such committee shall make decisions relating to
11 awarding assistance grants; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for
12 other purposes.

13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

14 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

15 Part 4 of Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
16 relating to the emergency telephone number 9-1-1 system, is amended by striking in its
17 entirety paragraph (7) of Code Section 46-5-122, relating to definitions, and inserting in lieu
18 thereof the following:

19 "(7) 'Exchange access facility' means the access from a particular telephone subscriber's
20 premises to the telephone system of a service supplier. Exchange access facilities include
21 service supplier provided access lines, PBX trunks, and Centrex network access registers,
22 all as defined by tariffs of the telephone companies as approved by the Georgia Public
23 Service Commission. Exchange access facilities also include voice over Internet protocol
24 service suppliers. Exchange access facilities do not include service supplier owned and
25 operated telephone pay station lines, Wide Area Telecommunications Services (WATS),
26 Foreign Exchange (FX), or incoming only lines."

1 process and for the administration of the fund. Decisions on the issuance of assistance
2 grants shall be made by the Emergency 9-1-1 Assistance Fund Committee established by
3 subsection (e) of this Code section.

4 (e) There is established the Emergency 9-1-1 Assistance Fund Committee to be composed
5 of five members appointed by the Governor to serve terms of four years. Members may
6 be appointed to succeed themselves. The Governor shall designate one member as
7 chairperson. Members may be appointed from the public or private sectors. Members of
8 the committee appointed from the private sector shall serve without compensation, but all
9 members shall be entitled to receive the same per diem expense authorized by law for
10 members of the General Assembly, payable from the Emergency 9-1-1 Assistance Fund.
11 The committee shall meet at the call of the chairperson as needed to make determinations
12 on applications for assistance grants as provided in subsection (d) of this Code section.
13 The Department of Community Affairs shall provide clerical and technical services to the
14 committee."

15 **SECTION 4.**

16 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.