

The Senate Finance Committee offered the following substitute to HB 1321:

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, the "Georgia Emergency Telephone Number 9-1-1 Service Act of 1977," so as
3 to provide an additional use for Emergency Telephone System Fund moneys; to provide for
4 related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

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7 Part 4 of Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the
8 "Georgia Emergency Telephone Number 9-1-1 Service Act of 1977," is amended by revising
9 subsection (f) of Code Section 46-5-134, relating to the establishment of the Emergency
10 Telephone System Fund, as follows:

11 "(f) In addition to cost recovery as provided in subsection (e) of this Code section, money
12 from the Emergency Telephone System Fund shall be used only to pay for:

13 (1) The lease, purchase, or maintenance of emergency telephone equipment, including
14 necessary computer hardware, software, and data base provisioning; addressing; and
15 nonrecurring costs of establishing a 9-1-1 system;

16 (2) The rates associated with the service supplier's 9-1-1 service and other service
17 supplier's recurring charges;

18 (3) The actual cost of salaries, including benefits, of employees hired by the local
19 government solely for the operation and maintenance of the emergency 9-1-1 system and
20 the actual cost of training such of those employees who work as dispatchers or who work
21 as directors as that term is defined in Code Section 46-5-138.2;

22 (4) Office supplies of the public safety answering points used directly in providing
23 emergency 9-1-1 system services;

24 (5) The cost of leasing or purchasing a building used as a public safety answering point.

25 Moneys from the fund ~~cannot~~ shall not be used for the construction or lease of an

26 emergency 9-1-1 system building until the local government has completed its street
27 addressing plan;

28 (6) The lease, purchase, or maintenance of computer hardware and software used at a
29 public safety answering point, including computer-assisted dispatch systems;

30 (7) Supplies directly related to providing emergency 9-1-1 system services, including the
31 cost of printing emergency 9-1-1 system public education materials; ~~and~~

32 (8) The lease, purchase, or maintenance of logging recorders used at a public safety
33 answering point to record telephone and radio traffic; and

34 (9) The lease, purchase, or maintenance of equipment and associated hardware and
35 software that furthers the legislative intent of providing the highest level of emergency
36 response service on a local, regional, and state-wide basis, including equipment and
37 associated hardware and software that supports the use of public safety wireless voice and
38 data communication systems and the operable and interoperable communication
39 capabilities of 9-1-1 service, but only if:

40 (A) The local government's 9-1-1 system provides enhanced 9-1-1 service;

41 (B) The revenues from 9-1-1 charges or wireless enhanced 9-1-1 charges in the local
42 government's Emergency Telephone System Fund at the end of any fiscal year are
43 projected to exceed the cost of providing enhanced 9-1-1 services as authorized in
44 paragraphs (1) through (8) of this subsection; and

45 (C) The cost of providing services referred to in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph
46 includes a reserve amount equal to at least 10 percent of the previous year's
47 expenditures."

48 **SECTION 2.**

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