

Senate Bill 344

By: Senators Albers of the 56th, Grant of the 25th, Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd and Mullis of the 53rd

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 eliminate the 9-1-1 Advisory Committee; to provide for related matters; to repeal  
4 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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

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 Code Section 46-5-123, relating to the creation of the 9-1-1 Advisory Committee, selection  
10 of members, filling of vacancies, organization, and roles and responsibilities, as follows:

11 "46-5-123.

12 ~~(a) For the purposes of the development and implementation of a plan for the state-wide~~  
13 ~~emergency 9-1-1 system, there is created the 9-1-1 Advisory Committee to be composed~~  
14 ~~of the director of the agency, who shall serve as chairperson; the director of the Georgia~~  
15 ~~Technology Authority or his or her designee; the commissioner of the department or his~~  
16 ~~or her designee; and 12 other members appointed by the Governor, as follows:~~

17 ~~(1) Three members appointed from nominees of the Georgia Municipal Association;~~

18 ~~(2) Three members appointed from nominees of the Association County Commissioners~~  
19 ~~of Georgia;~~

20 ~~(3) Four members who are experienced in and currently involved in the management of~~  
21 ~~emergency telephone systems; and~~

22 ~~(4) Two members who are representatives of the telecommunications industry, one of~~  
23 ~~whom shall be a representative of a wireless service supplier and one of whom shall be~~  
24 ~~a representative of a land based service supplier.~~

- 25 ~~(b) When appointments are made, the associations making nominations pursuant to this~~  
26 ~~Code section shall submit at least three times as many nominees as positions to be filled~~  
27 ~~at that time by nominees of the association.~~
- 28 ~~(c) The appointed members of the committee shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.~~  
29 ~~Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.~~
- 30 ~~(d) The committee shall organize itself as it deems appropriate and may elect other officers~~  
31 ~~from among its members.~~
- 32 ~~(e) The committee shall hold meetings at the call of the chairperson; provided, however,~~  
33 ~~that it shall meet at least three times a year. A quorum for transacting business shall be a~~  
34 ~~majority of the members of the committee.~~
- 35 ~~(f) The committee shall be assigned to the agency for administrative purposes only, as~~  
36 ~~prescribed in Code Section 50-4-3.~~
- 37 ~~(g) The committee shall have the following duties and responsibilities:~~
- 38 ~~(1) To make recommendations to the commissioner of the department regarding the~~  
39 ~~recipients of assistance grants provided for under Code Section 46-5-134.2;~~
- 40 ~~(2) To study and evaluate the state-wide provision of 9-1-1 service;~~
- 41 ~~(3) To identify any changes necessary to accomplish more effective and efficient 9-1-1~~  
42 ~~service across this state;~~
- 43 ~~(4) To identify any changes necessary in the assessment and collection of 9-1-1 fees;~~
- 44 ~~(5) To make recommendations to the agency as to training that should be provided to~~  
45 ~~directors of public safety answering points; and~~
- 46 ~~(6) To provide an annual report which shall include proposed legislation, if any, to the~~  
47 ~~Governor and the General Assembly by December 1 of each year Reserved.~~"

48 **SECTION 2.**

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