

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

C.S.H.B. 3491  
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Committee Report (Substituted)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

Currently H&SC, Chapter 771 limits the use of 9-1-1 revenue to 9-1-1 call delivery. Other costs not directly attributable to 9-1-1 call delivery are not allowed. HB 3491 would allow Commission on State Emergency Communications (CSEC) to provide the most populous county within a region the ability to fund other services that are closely tied to operating a 9-1-1 system that fall outside of call delivery. The State 9-1-1 Program is set up through a regional approach where the most populous county within the region generates the most revenue to operate the 9-1-1 program. Also, the most populous county within the region has the most costs associated with operating a 9-1-1 system. This bill would allow these counties to fund services, if there are sufficient appropriated funds, that have historically have not been funded because of the current limits of Health and Safety Code, Chapter 771.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

### **ANALYSIS**

This bill applies only to fees and surcharges collected under this subchapter in the county which has the highest population within the region. Those fees and surcharges may be used for any costs considered necessary by the Commission on State Emergency Communications (CSEC) if such costs are attributable to designing a 9-1-1 system, or obtaining and maintaining equipment and personnel necessary to establish and operate a public safety answering point and related operations or other related answering points and operations.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a two-thirds vote of each house. If the Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, the Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

### **COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL TO SUBSTITUTE**

CSHB 3491 is a Legislative Council draft of the bill as originally filed with no substantive changes.