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TO: Honorable Frank Madla, Chair, Senate Committee on Intergovernmental Relations

FROM: John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB1536 by Wentworth (Relating to use of certain 9-1-1 fees and surcharges in certain counties.), **As Introduced**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would authorize a county with a population of at least 700,000 that is eligible to collect 9-1-1 emergency service fees and surcharges to use those fees and surcharges for any costs considered necessary by the Commission on State Emergency Communications (commission) and attributable to designing a 9-1-1 system or obtaining and maintaining equipment and personnel needed to establish and operate a public safety or related answering point and operations.

The bill would take effect immediately if it were to receive a two-thirds vote in each house; otherwise, it would take effect September 1, 2003.

Under current statute, 9-1-1 emergency service fees and surcharges may only be used for planning, development, provision, and enhancement of the effectiveness of 9-1-1 service as approved by the commission. Implementation of the provisions of the bill would provide more flexibility in the use of the funds collected.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 313 Department of Information Resources, 477 Commission on State Emergency Communications

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