

1-1 By: White, Stephenson (Senate Sponsor - Hancock) H.B. No. 2911
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 10, 2021;
 1-3 May 13, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on Business
 1-4 & Commerce; May 21, 2021, reported adversely, with favorable
 1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0;
 1-6 May 21, 2021, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-14	X			
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1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 2911 By: Hancock

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to next generation 9-1-1 service and the establishment of
 1-22 a next generation 9-1-1 service fund.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Section 771.001, Health and Safety Code, is
 1-25 amended by adding Subdivisions (5-a) and (5-b) and amending
 1-26 Subdivision (6) to read as follows:

1-27 (5-a) "Next generation 9-1-1 service" has the meaning
 1-28 assigned by 47 U.S.C. Section 942.

1-29 (5-b) "Next generation 9-1-1 service fund" means the
 1-30 next generation 9-1-1 service fund established under Section
 1-31 771.0713.

1-32 (6) "9-1-1 service" means a communications service
 1-33 that connects users to a public safety answering point through a
 1-34 9-1-1 system. The term includes next generation 9-1-1 service.

1-35 SECTION 2. Section 771.059, Health and Safety Code, is
 1-36 amended to read as follows:

1-37 Sec. 771.059. TARGET DATE [DEADLINE] FOR STATEWIDE NEXT
 1-38 GENERATION 9-1-1 SERVICE. Before September 1, 2025 [1995], all
 1-39 parts of the state must be covered by next generation 9-1-1 service.

1-40 SECTION 3. Subchapter D, Chapter 771, Health and Safety
 1-41 Code, is amended by adding Section 771.0713 to read as follows:

1-42 Sec. 771.0713. NEXT GENERATION 9-1-1 SERVICE FUND. (a) The
 1-43 next generation 9-1-1 service fund is created as a fund in the state
 1-44 treasury outside the general revenue fund.

1-45 (b) Notwithstanding any other law and except as provided by
 1-46 federal law, the comptroller shall transfer to the credit of the
 1-47 next generation 9-1-1 service fund any amount available from
 1-48 federal money provided to this state from the Coronavirus State and
 1-49 Local Fiscal Recovery Funds under Section 9901 of the American
 1-50 Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Pub. L. No. 117-2) or from any other
 1-51 federal governmental source for purposes of this chapter. The
 1-52 comptroller shall transfer the money as soon as practicable
 1-53 following the receipt by this state of a sufficient amount of
 1-54 federal money for the transfer.

1-55 (c) Money deposited to the credit of the next generation
 1-56 9-1-1 service fund may be used only for the purpose of supporting
 1-57 the deployment and reliable operation of next generation 9-1-1
 1-58 service, including the costs of equipment, operations, and
 1-59 administration. Money in the fund may be distributed to only the
 1-60 commission and emergency communication districts and must be used

2-1 in a manner that complies with federal law.

2-2 (d) Interest earned on money deposited to the credit of the
2-3 next generation 9-1-1 service fund is exempt from Section 404.071,
2-4 Government Code. Interest on money in the fund shall be retained in
2-5 the fund.

2-6 (e) The comptroller may issue guidelines for use by the
2-7 commission and emergency communication districts in implementing
2-8 this section.

2-9 (f) All money in the fund shall be distributed in accordance
2-10 with this section not later than December 31, 2022, and all money
2-11 distributed under this section shall be spent not later than
2-12 December 31, 2024, for the deployment and reliable operation of
2-13 next generation 9-1-1 service.

2-14 (g) This section expires September 1, 2025.

2-15 SECTION 4. Sections 771.0711(g) and (j), Health and Safety
2-16 Code, are repealed.

2-17 SECTION 5. Not later than December 1, 2021, the comptroller
2-18 of public accounts shall adopt rules necessary to establish and
2-19 administer the next generation 9-1-1 service fund established under
2-20 Section 771.0713, Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act.

2-21 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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