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TO: Honorable Dade Phelan, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB2911 by White (Relating to next generation 9-1-1 service and the establishment of a next generation 9-1-1 service fund.), **As Passed 2nd House**

The fiscal implications of the bill cannot be determined at this time as the amount of any transfer of Federal Funds is unknown.

This bill would amend the Health and Safety Code to create the Next Generation 9-1-1 Service Fund and would direct the Comptroller of Public Accounts to transfer to the proposed fund any amount of money available from the federal Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds or from any other federal governmental source for purposes the bill.

The proposed fund could only be used by the Commission on State Emergency Communications and emergency communication districts (ECDs) for the deployment and operation of next generation 9-1-1 service. Any funds transferred to the account would be required to be distributed by December 31, 2022, and expended by December 31, 2024.

The proposed fund would be in the state treasury outside General Revenue.

According to the CPA, as the amount of any transfer of Federal funds is unknown, the fiscal impact cannot be estimated.

Should federal funds become available for the purpose of implementing the provisions of the bill, those federal funds, regardless of where they are deposited to, are still bound by the uses, restrictions, reporting, and other requirements of the original federal grant. Funds cannot be used for any other purpose other than those identified by federal guidance, regardless of where they are deposited.

The legislation would do one or more of the following: create or recreate a dedicated account in the General Revenue Fund, create or recreate a special or trust fund either within or outside of the treasury, or create a dedicated revenue source. The fund, account, or revenue dedication included in this bill would be subject to funds consolidation review by the current Legislature.

Local Government Impact

The fiscal implications of the bill for ECDs cannot be determined at this time.

Source Agencies: 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 405 Department of Public Safety, 477 Comm/Emer Communicat

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