



## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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<b>Description</b> State 911 telecommunications services and making an appropriation					

### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The proposed legislation requires the Public Service Commission (PSC) to contract with a network of 911 telecommunications service providers to perform selective routing services, manage updates to automatic location information databases, manage master street address guides statewide, and perform other functions related to state 911 telecommunications services. The bill also requires communications providers to provide price schedules for 911 telecommunications services to the PSC for review and determine whether they are commercially reasonable. PSC is required to reimburse commercially reasonable costs the providers incur. These costs include those associated with both wireless and landline 911 telecommunications service.

Currently, Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) - the entities responsible for answering and directing emergency calls to police, fire, and ambulance services - contract with communications providers to perform functions related to 911 services. Wisconsin statutes provide for a mechanism at the local level whereby counties contract with telecommunications utilities for this service. The proposed legislation transfers contracts from the local level to the state level. PSC will contract with service providers for the establishment and maintenance of a statewide 911 telecommunications system and reimburse the providers for all commercially reasonable costs incurred. Telecommunications utilities will continue to perform under existing contracts until the requirements described above are implemented. Costs incurred by service providers during the transition period will be reimbursed by PSC. Reimbursements by the Commission for contracts entered into with service providers are funded from moneys received under s. 256.35(3)(dm).

The proposed legislation is anticipated to have a fiscal impact at the Commission. PSC is required to contract with a network of 911 telecommunications service providers to perform functions related to state 911 telecommunications services. Potential increased costs at the Commission will include additional staff time to process and review communications providers price schedules and determining if they are commercially reasonable. This bill allows for the creation of a staff position to perform these functions and allows PSC to pay its administrative expenses from 1% of state 911 fees collected under s. 256.35(3)(dm).

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications

See assumption above.