

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 15.107 (19), 16.9645 (2) (g) and 16.9647 of the statutes; **relating to:**
 2 the creation of a 911 advisory council.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

JOINT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PREFATORY NOTE: This bill draft was prepared for the Joint Legislative Council’s Special Committee on 911 Communications.

This draft creates an advisory council to advise the office of justice assistance (OJA) and the public service commission (PSC) on the administration of 911 services and grant programs available to promote those services. The council works with and is supported by the OJA, and is attached for administrative purposes to the department of administration.

The draft outlines the membership of the committee, which includes entities involved in various aspects of 911 communications and emergency response issues. There are 15 members, appointed by the governor for staggered 3–year terms. The draft uses the statutory default for selection of chairperson, vice chairperson, and secretary of the council, which is election by the council at the first meeting of each year.

The duties of the council include advising the OJA and the PSC on the administration of 911 services and associated grant and fee programs, conducting a statewide 911 system assessment, developing recommendations for service standards for public safety answering points, establishing criteria for eligibility for 911 grants, advising the OJA as to 911 service standards, promoting interoperability and consolidation of public safety answering points statewide as appropriate, exploring additional funding sources for 911 communications, advising the PSC as to the level of surcharge imposed under s. 256.35 (cm) necessary to provide full cost recovery for approved grants, and ensuring that the performance of these duties are done in such a manner so as not to favor one particular technology over another.

The draft also authorizes the creation of, and funding for, a 911 coordinator within OJA.

3 **SECTION 1.** 15.107 (19) of the statutes is created to read:

1 15.107 **(19)** 911 ADVISORY COUNCIL. There is created a 911 advisory council, attached
2 to the department of administration under s. 15.03. The council consists of the following
3 members serving for staggered 3-year terms:

4 (a) An individual recommended by an association of Wisconsin cities and villages.

5 (b) An individual recommended by an association of Wisconsin counties.

6 (c) An individual recommended by a Wisconsin association, or a Wisconsin chapter of
7 an association, that promotes a universal emergency telephone number system.

8 (d) An individual recommended by an association of Wisconsin county sheriffs.

9 (e) Two individuals who represent commercial mobile radio service providers, as
10 defined in s. 196.01 (2g), operating in Wisconsin.

11 (f) An individual recommended by a Wisconsin association, or a Wisconsin chapter of
12 an association, of public safety communications professionals.

13 (g) Two individuals recommended by an association of Wisconsin telecommunications
14 providers, as defined in s. 196.01 (8p), at least one of whom represents a local exchange carrier
15 with fewer than 50,000 access lines.

16 (h) An individual who represents a voice over Internet protocol provider.

17 (i) A police chief recommended by an association of Wisconsin police chiefs.

18 (j) A fire chief recommended by an association of Wisconsin fire chiefs.

19 (k) An individual recommended by a Wisconsin association that promotes emergency
20 management.

21 (L) An individual who represents the cable television [or video service] industry.

22 (m) An individual recommended by a Wisconsin association of emergency medical
23 service providers.

NOTE: The committee may want the council to deviate from s. 15.09. Section 15.09 provides that, unless otherwise specified, members are appointed by the governor for fixed terms, the councils elect a chairperson, vice chairperson and secretary, must meet at least annually or on the call of the chairperson or a majority of its members. Any deviation from these defaults must be specified in statute.

1 **SECTION 2.** 16.9645 (2) (g) of the statutes is created to read:

2 16.9645 (2) (g) Coordinate with the 911 advisory council under s. 15.107 (19).

3 **SECTION 3.** 16.9647 of the statutes is created to read:

4 **16.9647 911 advisory council. (1)** In this section:

5 (a) “Council” means the 911 advisory council.

6 (b) “Office” means the office of justice assistance.

7 (c) “Public safety answering point” has the meaning given in s. 256.35 (1) (gm).

8 **(2)** The council shall do all of the following:

9 (a) Advise the office and the public service commission on the administration of 911
10 services and associated grant programs.

11 (b) Conduct a statewide 911 system assessment.

12 (c) Develop a statewide plan for 911 services.

13 (d) Develop recommendations for service standards for public safety answering points.

14 (e) Establish criteria for eligibility for 911 grants and advise the office as to the standards
15 the office develops under s. 16.964 (19). The criteria for eligibility shall include basic training
16 standards and service standards.

17 (f) Promote, facilitate, and coordinate interoperability across all state public safety
18 answering points with respect to telecommunications services and data systems, including
19 geographic information systems.

1 (g) Promote, facilitate, and coordinate consolidation of public safety answering point
2 functions where consolidation would provide improved service, increased efficiency, or cost
3 savings.

4 (h) Seek funding from sources, including federal sources, for 911 system
5 enhancements, studies, and other purposes consistent with the duties of the council.

6 (i) Advise the public service commission as to the level of surcharge imposed under s.
7 256.35 (cm) necessary to provide full-cost recovery for approved grants.

8 (j) Undertake all of its duties in a manner that is competitively and technologically
9 neutral to all service providers.

10 (k) Coordinate with the interoperability council under s. 15.107 (18).

11 **SECTION 4. Nonstatutory provisions.**

12 (1) The authorized FTE positions for the department of administration are increased by
13 1.0 SEG position, funded from the appropriation under section 20.505 xx of the statutes, to
14 provide for statewide 911 communications coordination in the office of justice assistance.

15 (2) INITIAL TERMS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS. Notwithstanding section 15.107 (19) of the
16 statutes, as created by this act, the initial terms of [5] of the members of the 911 advisory
17 council appointed under section 15.107 (19) of the statutes, as created by this act, shall expire
18 on July 1, 2014, the initial terms of [5] of the members of the 911 advisory council appointed
19 under section 15.107 (19) of the statutes, as created by this act, shall expire on July 1, 2015,
20 and the terms of the other [5] members of the council appointed under section 15.107 (19) of
21 the statutes, as created by this act, shall expire on July 1, 2016.

22 (END)