

LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY
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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7020

BILL NUMBER: SB 273

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 5, 2026

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: 911 Telecommunications Fees.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Spencer

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill increases the: (1) 911 Service Prepaid Wireless Charge; and (2) Monthly Statewide 911 Fee; from \$1 to \$2.

Effective Date: July 1, 2026.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues: *Summary* - The bill would increase fee revenue in FY 2027 by an estimated \$97.2 M with \$83.6 M from the Monthly Statewide 911 fee and \$13.6 M from the 911 Service Prepaid Wireless Charge and in FY 2028 by an estimated \$98.1 M with \$84.9 M from the Monthly Statewide 911 fee and \$13.2 M from the 911 Service Prepaid Wireless Charge.

Additional Information - Currently, the fee and charge is set to \$1. With the fees increasing from \$1 to \$2, it will increase both revenue used to support the Board's operations and to develop, operate, and maintain the Statewide 911 System. Money collected in excess of the Board's needs is distributed to counties to support Public Safety Answering Point operations.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues: *Summary* - With the fees increasing from \$1 to \$2, the Board's disbursements dedicated to the operation of Public Safety Answering Points at the county level will increase.

Additional Information - The bulk of funds are distributed in the same amounts counties received in 2014. The remainder is distributed according to the "90/10 rule," with 90% of the distribution determined by county population and 10% distributed equally to all counties. As a result, counties with very low populations will receive a higher amount per capita than larger counties, but more populated counties receive significantly larger shares of available funds in total. An increase in revenue will be distributed according to the 90/10 rule.

State Agencies Affected: Statewide 911 Board.

Local Agencies Affected: Counties, cities, police departments.

Information Sources: Statewide 911 Board, June Financial Statements, 2021 - 2025.

<https://www.in911.net/audits--financials.html>.

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