

Date of Hearing: August 31, 2023

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
James Ramos, Chair  
HR 56 (Rodriguez) – As Introduced August 24, 2023

**SUBJECT:** 9-1-1 for Kids Safety Education Month.

**SUMMARY:** Proclaims the month of October 2023 as “9-1-1 for Kids Safety Education Month,” in recognition of 9-1-1 caller training and disaster and emergency preparedness, and response education for California children, families, and residents. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Every year, about 240 million 9-1-1 calls are received at 9-1-1 emergency system centers across the United States. Most calls to 9-1-1 emergency system centers are made by bystanders attempting to help someone in a crisis, often life-threatening, many of those calls are made by children as young as 4 or 5 years old.
- 2) The result of 9-1-1 calls from children may be measured in saved lives, underscoring the critical importance of training children early in life about the 9-1-1 emergency call number. By educating children how to use 9-1-1 correctly, we can empower them to act quickly and confidently to obtain the necessary public safety or medical assistance they need to save lives and property, as well as teach their siblings, family members, friends, and neighbors.
- 3) The nonprofit organization “9-1-1 for Kids” is the official educational program for local, federal, and international public safety dispatch centers, agencies, and organizations and is committed to the sole purpose of teaching children how to save lives and property through the proper use of 9-1-1, the nation’s universal emergency telephone number.
- 4) Since its inception, 9-1-1 for Kids has branched out to provide comprehensive teen and adult 9-1-1 caller training and disaster preparedness and response education, recognizing America’s most compelling 9-1-1 youth heroes each year at 9-1-1 for Kids “Local 9-1-1 Heroes” ceremonies with regional and federal government officials.
- 5) The goal of the California 9-1-1 for Kids Safety Education Month is to provide all elementary-aged pupils in California with emergency and disaster response education in their classrooms and at the local public libraries during this month, and to establish biannual safety educational events in every Head Start program and public elementary classrooms in transitional kindergarten to grade 5, inclusive.
- 6) Through statewide and local public awareness campaigns, 9-1-1 for Kids, in collaboration with the California National Emergency Number Association (CalNENA), the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO West), 9-1-1 emergency system centers, law enforcement agencies, and fire departments, will train teachers, librarians, parents, school administrators, and other caregivers to conduct at least one activity aimed at educating elementary school children during California 9-1-1 for Kids Safety Education Month.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** None

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

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