

Date of Hearing: May 13, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Buffy Wicks, Chair

AB 2041 (Carrillo) – As Amended April 16, 2026

Policy Committee:	Communications and Conveyance	Vote: 8 - 0
	Emergency Management	7 - 0

Urgency: No State Mandated Local Program: No Reimbursable: No

SUMMARY:

This bill requires the Governor’s Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES), when reviewing and updating technical and operational standards for public agency systems connecting to “9-1-1” public safety answering points, to include updates to 9-1-1 call processing services for an emergency medical response.

The bill states it does not authorize Cal OES to determine for a public safety agency the training standards for, or the content of, the prearrival medical instructions described in current law.

FISCAL EFFECT:

Costs to Cal OES should be minor and absorbable.

COMMENTS:

State law requires each local public agency to maintain a 9-1-1 system to provide access to emergency services, including, at least, police, firefighting and emergency medical and ambulance services, and may include other emergency services, in the discretion of the affected local public agency. The law also requires Cal OES, every other year, to review and update technical and operational standards for public agency 9-1-1 systems.

In 2025, the Legislature approved AB 635 (Carrillo), Chapter 275, Statutes of 2025, to require a public safety agency that provides 911 call processing for services for emergency medical response to provide, by January 1, 2027, prearrival medical instructions to 9-1-1 callers requiring medical assistance for the following, at minimum: airway and choking instructions, automatic external defibrillator AED and CPR instructions, childbirth, bleeding control and hemorrhage, administration of epinephrine for anaphylaxis, and administration of naloxone for narcotics overdoses. This bill follows up on AB 635 by requiring Cal OES to include updates to 9-1-1 call processing services for an emergency medical response when it reviews and updates technical and operational standards for public agency 9-1-1 systems.

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