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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2011–12 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2281

Introduced by Assembly Member Torres

February 24, 2012

An act to amend ~~Section~~ *Sections 53115.1 and 53115.2* of the Government Code, relating to emergencies.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2281, as amended, Torres. Emergencies: State 911 Advisory Board.

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(1) The Warren-911-Emergency Assistance Act requires a local public agency to adopt a plan to implement a 911 emergency telephone response system, and establishes the State 911 Advisory Board to advise on specified subjects relating to the state's 911 emergency telephone response system. The board is comprised of 11 members who are appointed by, and serve at the pleasure of, the Governor.

This bill would add 2 members to the advisory board who would be selected by the Legislature, as specified. This bill would also make legislative findings and declarations and eliminate the ability of a member of the advisory board to designate another to act in his or her place.

(2) Existing law requires the Public Safety Communication Division to assist a local public agency in the development of its plan to implement a 911 emergency telephone response system, and to approve a final plan before it is implemented. Existing law requires the board

to, if requested by a local public agency, conduct a hearing on any conflict between a local agency and the Public Safety Communication Division regarding a final plan.

This bill would, instead, require the board to, if requested by a local agency, conduct a hearing on any conflict between a local public agency and the Public Safety Communication Division regarding that agency’s 911 emergency telephone response system and cost reimbursement decisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares that an
- 2 effective and efficient State 911 Advisory Board would foster
- 3 interagency collaboration to guide California in the implementation
- 4 of Next Generation 911, the provision of advance notice of general
- 5 meetings, and the use of designees, at the board’s discretion, for
- 6 purposes other than general meetings.
- 7 SEC. 2. Section 53115.1 of the Government Code is amended
- 8 to read:
- 9 53115.1. (a) There is in state government the State 911
- 10 Advisory Board.
- 11 (b) The advisory board shall be comprised of the following
- 12 members appointed by the Governor who shall serve at the pleasure
- 13 of the Governor.
- 14 (1) The Chief of the California 911 Emergency Communications
- 15 Office shall serve as the nonvoting chair of the board.
- 16 (2) One representative from the Department of the California
- 17 Highway Patrol.
- 18 (3) Two representatives on the recommendation of the California
- 19 Police Chiefs Association.
- 20 (4) Two representatives on the recommendation of the California
- 21 State Sheriffs’ Association.
- 22 (5) Two representatives on the recommendation of the California
- 23 Fire Chiefs Association.
- 24 (6) Two representatives on the recommendation of the CalNENA
- 25 Executive Board.

1 (7) One representative on the joint recommendation of the
2 executive boards of the state chapters of the Association of
3 Public-Safety Communications Officials-International, Inc.

4 (c) The Speaker of the Assembly shall appoint one member of
5 the advisory board, who will serve at the pleasure of the Speaker.

6 (d) ~~The Chairperson of the~~ Senate Committee on Rules shall
7 appoint one member of the advisory board, who will serve at the
8 pleasure of the chairperson.

9 (e) Recommending authorities shall give great weight and
10 consideration to the knowledge, training, and expertise of the
11 appointee with respect to his or her experience within the California
12 911 system. Board members should have at least two years of
13 experience as a Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) manager
14 or county coordinator, except where a specific person is designated
15 as a member.

16 (f) Members of the advisory board selected under subdivision
17 (b) shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor, but may not serve
18 more than two consecutive two-year terms, except as follows:

19 (1) The presiding Chief of the California 911 Emergency
20 Communications Office shall serve for the duration of his or her
21 tenure.

22 (2) Four of the members shall serve an initial term of three years.

23 (g) Advisory board members shall not receive compensation
24 for their service on the board, but may be reimbursed for travel
25 and per diem for time spent in attending meetings of the board.

26 (h) The advisory board shall meet quarterly in public sessions
27 in accordance with the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act (Article
28 9 (commencing with Section 11120) of Chapter 2 of Part 1 of
29 Division 3 of Title 2). The division shall provide administrative
30 support to the State 911 Advisory Board. The State 911 Advisory
31 Board, at its first meeting, shall adopt bylaws and operating
32 procedures consistent with this article and establish committees
33 as necessary.

34 *SEC. 3. Section 53115.2 of the Government Code is amended*
35 *to read:*

36 53115.2. (a) The State 911 Advisory Board shall advise the
37 division on all of the following subjects:

38 (1) Policies, practices, and procedures for the California 911
39 Emergency Communications Office.

- 1 (2) Technical and operational standards for the California 911
- 2 system consistent with the National Emergency Number
- 3 Association (NENA) standards.
- 4 (3) Training standards for county coordinators and Public Safety
- 5 Answering Point (PSAP) managers.
- 6 (4) Budget, funding, and reimbursement decisions related to
- 7 the State Emergency Number Account.
- 8 (5) Proposed projects and studies conducted or funded by the
- 9 State Emergency Number Account.
- 10 (6) Expediting the rollout of Enhanced 911 Phase II technology.
- 11 (b) Upon request of a local public agency, the board shall
- 12 conduct a hearing on any conflict between a local public agency
- 13 and the division regarding ~~a final plan that has not been approved~~
- 14 ~~by the division pursuant to Section 53114~~ *that agency's 911*
- 15 *emergency telephone system and cost reimbursement decisions.*
- 16 The board shall meet within 30 days following the request, and
- 17 shall make a recommendation to resolve the conflict to the division
- 18 within 90 days following the initial hearing by the board pursuant
- 19 to the request.