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**"AN ACT REQUIRING A STUDY OF COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS  
USED BY PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL AND ESTABLISHING A  
WORKING GROUP TO STUDY THE CONSOLIDATION OF PUBLIC  
SAFETY ANSWERING POINTS."**

1 Strike section 2 in its entirety and substitute the following in lieu  
2 thereof:

3 "Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Commissioner of Emergency  
4 Services and Public Protection shall convene a working group within  
5 the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection to study  
6 the current system of public safety answering points and make  
7 recommendations for consolidating such answering points while  
8 prioritizing the need to ensure public safety. The working group shall  
9 consider and make recommendations regarding: (1) The establishment  
10 of state goals regarding consolidation, (2) the definition of "regional  
11 public safety answering point", (3) any challenges to consolidation  
12 presented by existing collective bargaining agreements, (4) issues that  
13 may arise in municipalities that would no longer have an individual

14 physically located within the municipality to act as a dispatcher at all  
15 times after consolidation, (5) time frames for consolidation, (6) where  
16 and how to locate regional public safety answering points, (7) ways to  
17 enhance the skills of telecommunicators, as defined in section 28-30 of  
18 the general statutes, and personnel providing emergency medical  
19 dispatch, as defined in section 28-25 of the general statutes, including  
20 recommendations regarding training standards and performance  
21 accountability, (8) the governance structure for regional public safety  
22 answering points, and (9) any other related issues the working group  
23 deems appropriate.

24 (b) The working group shall consist of the following members:

25 (1) A representative of an organization of municipal leaders that  
26 represents the towns of the state;

27 (2) A representative of a labor organization representing employees  
28 of public safety answering points;

29 (3) A representative of an association of police chiefs;

30 (4) A representative of an association of professional firefighters;

31 (5) A current or former director of a regional public safety answering  
32 point;

33 (6) A representative of an association of managers of emergency  
34 communication centers;

35 (7) A representative of the Emergency Medical Services Advisory  
36 Board established under section 19a-178a of the general statutes;

37 (8) A representative of an association of fire chiefs;

38 (9) A representative of an organization that advocates for the interests  
39 of small towns in the state;

40 (10) A representative of an association of councils of government;

41 (11) The commanding officer of the Division of State Police within the  
42 Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, or the  
43 commanding officer's designee;

44 (12) The director of the Division of State-Wide Emergency  
45 Telecommunications within the Department of Emergency Services and  
46 Public Protection, or the director's designee; and

47 (13) The undersecretary of the Intergovernmental Policy and  
48 Planning Division within the Office of Policy and Management, or the  
49 undersecretary's designee.

50 (c) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection  
51 shall appoint the members described in subdivisions (1) to (10),  
52 inclusive, of subsection (b) of this section.

53 (d) All initial appointments to the working group shall be made not  
54 later than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy  
55 shall be filled by the appointing authority.

56 (e) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection  
57 shall select the chairpersons of the working group from among the  
58 members of the working group. Such chairpersons shall schedule the  
59 first meeting of the working group, which shall be held not later than  
60 sixty days after the effective date of this section. Such chairpersons may  
61 establish subcommittees of the members as needed and designate a  
62 chairperson of each such subcommittee.

63 (f) The working group shall submit, in accordance with the  
64 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing  
65 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
66 relating to public safety and security and planning and development:  
67 (1) An interim report on the findings and recommendations of the  
68 working group not later than February 1, 2026, and (2) a final report on  
69 the findings and recommendations of the working group not later than  
70 January 1, 2027. The working group shall terminate on the date that it  
71 submits such final report or January 1, 2027, whichever is later."