

FISCAL NOTE

April 23, 2019

Bill No:	HB 859	Printer's No:	973	Sponsor:	Barrar (R)
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COST / (SAVINGS)

Fund (s)	2018-19	2019-20
General Fund	\$0	See Fiscal Impact

SUMMARY: This bill amends Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes for the purpose of making program revisions and extends the sunset provision for the 911 emergency communications program.

ANALYSIS: House Bill 859 revises the statewide 911 emergency communications program by removing the ability of cities to exercise powers and duties granted to counties related to a 911 system. The Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency would be required to maintain and update a comprehensive inventory of each county Public Safety Answering Points facilities, capabilities, and related equipment and services procured. Finally, this proposal extends the statute's sunset provision another four years from June 30, 2019 to June 30, 2023.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Immediately.

FISCAL IMPACT: This legislation must be reauthorized to continue collecting \$316 million in surcharges every year that is distributed to counties to support their 911 call centers.