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An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Public Safety Answering Points

CONCEPT DRAFT SUMMARY

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

This bill proposes to enact specific requirements that must be met prior to any consolidation or reconfiguration of public safety answering points. Under the bill, prior to the consolidation or reconfiguration of any public safety answering points:

1. A study must be conducted and submitted to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over utilities and energy matters. The report must include an analysis of the costs and benefits of the proposed configuration of public safety answering points, including but not limited to an analysis of:

A. The anticipated total system costs, including but not limited to maintenance, training and operating expenses;

B. The impact on direct dispatch of emergency services, transfer routing and relay routing; and

C. The specific benefits and costs to individual affected municipalities and communities; and

2. Each municipality or community that is affected by the proposed consolidation or reconfiguration of public safety answering points must be afforded the opportunity to vote to accept or reject the proposed consolidation or reconfiguration.