

SENATE BILL 996

By Gardenhire

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7 and Title 86, relative to emergency communications districts.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7, Chapter 86, Part 3, is amended by adding the following new section:

(a) By June 30, 2022, the state emergency communications board shall promulgate rules in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in title 4, chapter 5 to establish model standards for all of this state's 911 emergency communications districts (ECD). The model standards must:

- (1) Include uniform dispatching requirements and standards; and
- (2) Require all ECDs to be staffed by ECD-paid employees or contract workers.

(b) Each ECD has until June 30, 2027, to adopt and implement the model standards. An ECD that fails to adopt and implement the model standards by June 30, 2027, will thereafter only receive seventy-five percent (75%) of the 911 user surcharge fees to which the ECD would have been entitled through the state emergency communications board. The state emergency communications board shall retain twenty-five percent (25%) of the user surcharge fees from this ECD until the ECD is in compliance with the model standards.

(c)

(1) This section does not apply to counties having the following populations according to the 2010 federal census or any subsequent federal census:

not less than	nor more than
336,400	336,500
432,200	432,300

(2) This section also does not apply in a county having a metropolitan form of government with a population of more than five hundred thousand (500,000) or in a county having a population of over nine hundred thousand (900,000), according to the 2010 federal census or any subsequent federal census.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.