

Georgia Emergency Communications Authority

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Mr. Dave Wills and Mr. Larry Hanson,

During the 2018 Session, the Georgia General Assembly passed HB 751 and it was signed into law on May 7, 2018. HB 751 is a comprehensive piece of legislation that, among other things, establishes the Georgia Emergency Communications Authority (GECA) as the coordinating body for 911 and emergency communications in the state. Additionally, the legislation creates a new process by which all 911 fees are to be collected and remitted to local governments.

Beginning January 1, 2019, service suppliers will begin aggregating and remitting their collected 911 fees to the Georgia Department of Revenue through a contract with GECA. Wireline, postpaid wireless, and Voice over Internet Protocol fees will continue to be distributed based on the same formula as before. Prepaid will continue to be distributed based on the same formula as well; however, the prepaid remittances will be delivered to the local governments monthly as opposed to the current annual distribution in October.

With these changes to the processes, new 911 resolutions need to be adopted by each local government that operates a public safety answering point (PSAP). Per O.C.G.A. § 46-5-134, the 911 fees collected by the service supplier and transmitted to the authority for distribution to local governments pursuant to Code Section 38-3-185 shall, upon being received by a local government, be deposited and accounted for in a separate restricted revenue fund known as the Emergency Telephone System Fund maintained by the local government. All such funds shall be used exclusively for the purposes authorized by O.C.G.A. § 46-5-134(f). Model resolutions will be sent to you and your staff electronically for distribution to your members.

The new 911 resolutions must be submitted to the Georgia Department of Revenue no later than November 1, 2018 to ensure that the Department has sufficient

time to implement the new collection and remittance process by January 1, 2019. Please have your members send the new resolutions to the attention of:

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Sincerely,



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