

1 A JOINT MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THE SECRETARY OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION TO
3 CONDUCT A STUDY THAT INVESTIGATES THE PROPOSAL OF THE ENHANCED
4 911 (E911) DIRECTORS AFFILIATE THAT A SINGLE, STATEWIDE 911
5 PROGRAM OVERSIGHT BOARD MADE UP OF A MAJORITY OF 911
6 PROFESSIONALS BE CREATED AND CHARGED WITH ADMINISTRATION OF
7 THE 911 PROGRAMS THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

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9 WHEREAS, essential emergency reporting and dispatch
10 services accessible by calling nine-one-one are administered
11 and provided through forty-one disparately funded municipal
12 and county-run public safety answering points, also known as
13 "PSAPs" or "911 centers", located throughout the state; and

14 WHEREAS, the administrative function of distributing
15 funds collected from the 911 surcharge to provide network,
16 equipment and training for local government 911 centers has
17 been performed by the local government division of the
18 department of finance and administration; and

19 WHEREAS, the New Mexico association of counties'
20 New Mexico E911 directors affiliate, made up of the directors
21 of these 911 centers, has requested that the New Mexico state
22 government consider establishing a statewide 911 program
23 oversight board; and

24 WHEREAS, the New Mexico E911 directors affiliate reports
25 that there is currently a lack of 911 expertise and effective

1 administration to adequately serve the forty-one local
2 government 911 centers; and

3 WHEREAS, currently and for some time now, there is only
4 one 911 program employee responsible for supporting all of
5 the forty-one local government 911 centers statewide; and

6 WHEREAS, the New Mexico E911 directors affiliate has
7 expressed its concern that decisions regarding 911 program
8 equipment, funding and training in the state's 911 centers
9 are being made without the input of New Mexico 911
10 professionals; and

11 WHEREAS, E911 directors have expressed the need for
12 updated 911 program equipment to keep pace with "next
13 generation 911" – a plan for acquiring and implementing
14 up-to-date technology that is not currently available but
15 will be demanded by the public, including features such as
16 text to 911, streaming images and video; and

17 WHEREAS, according to the New Mexico E911 directors
18 affiliate, New Mexico is one of only five states in the
19 United States that does not have a plan in place for
20 implementing next generation 911; and

21 WHEREAS, according to the New Mexico E911 directors
22 affiliate, the federal government has allocated one hundred
23 fifteen million dollars (\$115,000,000) in grant money
24 specifically for next generation 911; and

25 WHEREAS, states, such as New Mexico, that do not have an SJM 8
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1 implementation plan are ineligible to receive any federal
2 funding to implement next generation 911; and

3 WHEREAS, there are several states in the United States
4 that have established and implemented a statewide 911 program
5 oversight board to administer and manage the 911 programs in
6 those states; and

7 WHEREAS, statewide 911 program oversight boards are
8 mostly composed of 911 professionals, as well as other
9 residents appointed by their state governments; and

10 WHEREAS, statewide 911 program oversight boards provide
11 oversight of the statewide 911 programs, ensuring that the
12 interests of the 911 community are represented and that
13 decisions made regarding statewide 911 program operations and
14 funding are made with the input of 911 professionals;

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
16 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the secretary of finance and
17 administration be requested to conduct a study that
18 investigates the proposal of the E911 directors affiliate
19 that a single, statewide 911 program oversight board made up
20 of a majority of 911 professionals be created and charged
21 with administration of the 911 programs throughout the state;
22 and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the secretary of finance and
24 administration be requested to report the findings of the
25 statewide 911 program oversight board study to the

1 legislative health and human services committee by
2 November 1, 2018; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
4 transmitted to the secretary of finance and administration,
5 the executive director of the New Mexico association of
6 counties and to the legislative health and human services
7 committee. _____

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