

SENATE BILL 424

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By: **Senators Kagan and Jennings**

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Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Emergency Number Systems Board – 9–1–1 Trust Fund – Planning Costs**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Emergency Number Systems Board to use the 9–1–1
4 Trust Fund to pay for planning costs for an enhanced 9–1–1 system; providing for
5 the application of this Act; and generally relating to the authorized use of funds in
6 the 9–1–1 Trust Fund.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article – Public Safety
9 Section 1–308
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
13 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

14 **Article – Public Safety**

15 1–308.

16 (a) There is a 9–1–1 Trust Fund.

17 (b) The purposes of the 9–1–1 Trust Fund are to:

18 (1) reimburse counties for the cost of enhancing a 9–1–1 system;

19 **(2) PAY THE COSTS OF PLANNING FOR AN ENHANCED 9–1–1 SYSTEM,**
20 **INCLUDING NEXT GENERATION 9–1–1 SERVICES;**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 ~~[(2)] (3)~~ pay contractors in accordance with § 1-306(b)(12) of this subtitle;
2 and

3 ~~[(3)] (4)~~ fund the coordinator position and staff to handle the increased
4 duties related to wireless enhanced 9-1-1 service under § 1-305 of this subtitle, as an
5 administrative cost.

6 (c) The 9-1-1 Trust Fund consists of:

7 (1) money from the 9-1-1 fee collected and remitted to the Comptroller
8 under § 1-310 of this subtitle;

9 (2) money from the additional charge collected and remitted to the
10 Comptroller under § 1-311 of this subtitle;

11 (3) money from the prepaid wireless E 9-1-1 fee collected and remitted to
12 the Comptroller under § 1-313 of this subtitle; and

13 (4) investment earnings of the 9-1-1 Trust Fund.

14 (d) Money in the 9-1-1 Trust Fund shall be held in the State Treasury.

15 (e) The Secretary shall administer the 9-1-1 Trust Fund, subject to the
16 guidelines for financial management and budgeting established by the Department of
17 Budget and Management.

18 (f) The Secretary shall direct the Comptroller to establish separate accounts in
19 the 9-1-1 Trust Fund for the payment of administrative expenses and for each county.

20 (g) (1) Any investment earnings shall be credited to the 9-1-1 Trust Fund.

21 (2) The Comptroller shall allocate the investment income among the
22 accounts in the 9-1-1 Trust Fund, prorated on the basis of the total fees collected in each
23 county.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be construed to
25 apply only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have any effect on or
26 application to any planning costs for enhanced 9-1-1 system plans incurred before the
27 effective date of this Act.

28 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
29 1, 2016.