SENATE BILL 1053

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— Budget and Taxation/Ways and Means —

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this
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AN ACT concerning
Public Safety Property Tax Credit - 9-1-1 Public Safety Telecommunicators - Benefits
FOR the purpose of expanding the eligibility for the Edward T. and Mary A. Conro Memorial Scholarship Program to include certain 9-1-1 public safet telecommunicators and certain eligible dependents of 9-1-1 public safet telecommunicators; authorizing the governing body of a county to grant, by law certain death benefits and funeral benefits for certain 9-1-1 public safet telecommunicators; authorizing the governing body of a county to provide, by law for certain matters; authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county or of a municipal corporation to grant a certain propert tax credit for certain 9-1-1 public safety telecommunicators in the county of municipal corporation where the individuals reside; providing that the credit material corporation where the individuals reside; providing that the credit material certain amount; per dwelling and the amount of property tax imposes on the dwelling; requiring the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to be

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

<u>Underlining</u> indicates amendments to bill.

Strike out indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.



1 2 3 4	responsible for certain administrative duties relating to the credit; requiring a county or municipal corporation to reimburse the Department for certain administrative costs; authorizing the governing body of a county or municipal corporation to provide, by law, for certain matters relating to the tax credit; defining
5	a certain term; altering certain definitions; terms; providing for the application of
6	certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to benefits <u>a property tax credit</u>
7	for 9–1–1 public safety telecommunicators.
8	BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
9	Article - Education
10	Section 18-601(a)(1) through (3) and (6), (e), and (d)(1), (2), and (3)(iii) and (iv)
11	Annotated Code of Maryland
12	(2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)
13	BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
14	Article - Education
15	Section 18-601(a)(5)
16	Annotated Code of Maryland
17	(2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)
18	BY adding to
19	Article - Public Safety
20	Section 1-202.1
21	Annotated Code of Maryland
22	(2011 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)
23	BY adding to
24	Article - Tax - Property
25	Section 9–261
26	Annotated Code of Maryland
27	(2012 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)
28	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
29	That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
30	Article - Education
31	18-601.
32	(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.
33	(2) "Disabled public safety employee" means a State or local public safety
34	employee who sustains an injury in the line of duty that:
35 36	(i) Precludes the individual from continuing to serve or be employed as a State or local public safety employee; and
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1			(ii)	In the case of a volunteer member of a fire department	
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3			ionpub	lic safety occupation in which the member is engaged at the ti-	me
4	of the injur	y .			
5		(3)	"Fun	d" means the Edward T. Conroy and Jean B. Cryor Scholarsh	nip
6	Fund.				
7		(5)	"Stat	se or local public safety employee" means a person who is:	
8			(i)	A career or volunteer member of a:	
9				1. Fire department;	
10				2. Ambulance company or squad; or	
11				3. Rescue company or squad;	
12			(ii)	A law enforcement officer;	
13			(iii)	A correctional officer; [or]	
14			(iv)	A member of the Maryland National Guard who was a reside	ent
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1	(HI) A FUNERAL BENEFIT PROVIDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH
2	SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION.
3	(C) (1) THE GOVERNING BODY OF A COUNTY MAY PROVIDE, BY LAW, FOR
4	THE PAYMENT OF REASONABLE FUNERAL EXPENSES TO THE SURVIVING SPOUSE,
5	CHILD, PARENT, OR ESTATE OF A 9-1-1 PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATOR.
6	(2) The funeral benefit under this subsection shall be
7	REDUCED BY THE AMOUNT OF ANY RELATED WORKERS' COMPENSATION BENEFITS
8	PAID UNDER § 9–689 OF THE LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT ARTICLE.
9	(D) THE GOVERNING BODY OF A COUNTY MAY ESTABLISH, BY LAW:
10	(1) THE AMOUNT OF A DEATH BENEFIT UNDER THIS SECTION;
11	(2) THE AMOUNT OF A FUNERAL BENEFIT UNDER THIS SECTION;
12	(3) ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS TO QUALIFY FOR THE
13	DEATH BENEFIT OR FUNERAL BENEFIT; AND
14	(4) ANY OTHER PROVISIONS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THIS
15	SECTION.
16	SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read
17	as follows:
18	Article - Tax - Property
19	9–261.
19	9-201.
20	(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
21	INDICATED.
22	(2) "DWELLING" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 9–105 OF THIS
23	TITLE.
24	(3) "9–1–1 PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATOR" HAS THE MEANING
25	STATED IN § 1-202.1 OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE. MEANS AN EMPLOYEE OF A
26	COUNTY WHOSE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE:
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27	(I) ANSWERING, RECEIVING, TRANSFERRING, AND
28	DISPATCHING 9-1-1 CALLS;

(II) OTHER SUPPORT FUNCTIONS RELATED TO 9–1–1 CALLS; OR

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1	(III) DISPATCHING LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, FIRE RESCUE
2	SERVICES, EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, AND OTHER PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES
3	TO THE SCENE OF AN EMERGENCY.
4	(B) THE GOVERNING BODY OF A COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION MAY
5	GRANT, BY LAW, A PROPERTY TAX CREDIT UNDER THIS SECTION AGAINST THE
6	COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION PROPERTY TAX IMPOSED ON A DWELLING
7	LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION THAT IS OWNED BY A 9–1–1
8	PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATOR IF THE 9-1-1 PUBLIC SAFETY
9	TELECOMMUNICATOR IS OTHERWISE ELIGIBLE FOR THE CREDIT AUTHORIZED
10	UNDER § 9–105 OF THIS TITLE.
11	(C) IN FOR ANY TAXABLE YEAR, THE CREDIT UNDER THIS SECTION MAY NOT
12	EXCEED THE LESSER OF:
13	(1) $\$2,500 \text{ PER DWELLING; } \frac{\text{AND}}{\text{OR}}$
1 /	(9) THE AMOUNT OF PROPERTY MAY IMPOSED ON THE DWELLING
14	(2) THE AMOUNT OF PROPERTY TAX IMPOSED ON THE DWELLING.
15	(D) (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE
16	ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES THAT RELATE TO THE APPLICATION AND DETERMINATION
17	OF ELIGIBILITY FOR THE PROPERTY TAX CREDIT UNDER THIS SECTION.
10	(9) A COLDINAL OF MINICIPAL CORPORATION CHALL PRIMITING THE
18	(2) A COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION SHALL REIMBURSE THE
19 20	DEPARTMENT FOR THE REASONABLE COST OF ADMINISTERING THE CREDIT UNDER THIS SECTION.
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21	(E) (D) THE GOVERNING BODY OF A COUNTY OR A MUNICIPAL
22	CORPORATION MAY ESTABLISH, BY LAW:
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23	(1) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, THE AMOUNT OF
24	THE CREDIT UNDER THIS SECTION;
25	(2) THE DURATION OF THE CREDIT; AND
26	(3) ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR 9–1–1 PUBLIC
27	SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS TO QUALIFY FOR THE CREDIT;
28	(4) PROCEDURES FOR THE APPLICATION AND UNIFORM PROCESSING
29	OF REQUESTS FOR THE CREDIT; AND

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