



# Montgomery County

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**HB 934**

**DATE: March 3, 2020**

**SPONSOR: Delegates M. Jackson and Krebs (By Request – Commission to Advance Next Generation 9-1-1 Across Maryland)**

**ASSIGNED TO: Health and Government Operations**

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**POSITION: SUPPORT (Montgomery County Department of Police)**

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### **Public Safety – 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone System**

House Bill 934 contains various changes to the statutory framework that governs Maryland's 9-1-1 system. The measure was introduced at the request of the Commission to Advance Next Generation 9-1-1 Across Maryland. Montgomery County Department of Police supports HB 934.

Last spring, the General Assembly overwhelmingly passed an extensive and bi-partisan legislative initiative to update State laws and the 9-1-1 financing system to provide flexibility and resources needed for the deployment of a Statewide Next Generation (NG911) system. This was a major achievement, but the work of the Commission has continued to provide for the effective delivery of NG911 service across the State. In December, additional proposed actions requiring legislative approval were reported by the group and are reflected in HB 934. Examples of these recommendations include changing the name from the Emergency Number Systems Board to the Maryland 9-1-1 Board, defining the roles and responsibilities of the 9-1-1 Board members, and renaming the county additional charge to the county 9-1-1 fee.

House Bill 934 will help Maryland to successfully transition to Next Generation 9-1-1. The Montgomery County Department of Police urges the Committee to adopt a favorable report on the bill.