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By: **Senators Ruben and Currie**  
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Safety Technology Fund**

3 FOR the purpose of creating the Public Safety Technology Fund for the purpose of  
4 assisting municipal corporations in updating public safety communications  
5 systems under certain circumstances; requiring the Emergency Number  
6 Systems Board to administer the Fund; requiring the Governor to make a  
7 certain appropriation to the Fund; imposing certain duties on the State  
8 Treasurer and the State Comptroller with respect to the Fund; requiring the  
9 Board to establish certain procedures for the application for grants from the  
10 Fund and the evaluation of progress in updating public safety communications  
11 systems; imposing certain requirements on a municipal corporation that is  
12 awarded a grant from the Fund; defining certain terms; and generally relating  
13 to the Public Safety Technology Fund.

14 BY adding to  
15 Article 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative Departments  
16 Section 18-401 through 18-404, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle  
17 4. Public Safety Technology Fund"  
18 Annotated Code of Maryland  
19 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

22 **Article 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative Departments**

23 **SUBTITLE 4. PUBLIC SAFETY TECHNOLOGY FUND.**

24 18-401.

25 (A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS  
26 INDICATED.

27 (B) "BOARD" MEANS THE EMERGENCY NUMBER SYSTEMS BOARD  
28 ESTABLISHED UNDER § 18-103 OF THIS TITLE.

1 (C) "FUND" MEANS THE PUBLIC SAFETY TECHNOLOGY FUND.

2 (D) "MUNICIPAL CORPORATION" MEANS A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION WITH A  
3 POPULATION OF LESS THAN 50,000 PEOPLE.

4 (E) "SECRETARY" MEANS THE SECRETARY OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND  
5 CORRECTIONAL SERVICES.

6 18-402.

7 (A) THERE IS A PUBLIC SAFETY TECHNOLOGY FUND.

8 (B) (1) THE FUND IS A CONTINUING, NONLAPSING FUND THAT IS  
9 ADMINISTERED BY THE BOARD.

10 (2) THE PURPOSE OF THE FUND IS TO ASSIST MUNICIPAL  
11 CORPORATIONS IN UPDATING THEIR PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS  
12 AND TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR MORE EFFICIENT AND  
13 EFFECTIVE DELIVERY OF PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITIES THEY  
14 SERVE.

15 (C) THE FUND CONSISTS OF:

16 (1) MONEY APPROPRIATED TO THE FUND IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL;

17 (2) EARNINGS FROM THE INVESTMENT OF MONEY OF THE FUND; AND

18 (3) ANY OTHER MONEY ACCEPTED FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE FUND  
19 FROM ANY GOVERNMENTAL OR PRIVATE SOURCE.

20 (D) THE GOVERNOR SHALL PROVIDE AN APPROPRIATION IN THE ANNUAL  
21 BUDGET BILL TO THE FUND.

22 (E) (1) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL HOLD THE FUND AND INVEST THE  
23 MONEY OF THE FUND IN THE SAME MANNER AS OTHER STATE MONEY MAY BE  
24 INVESTED. THE STATE COMPTROLLER SHALL ACCOUNT FOR THE FUND IN  
25 CONJUNCTION WITH THE SECRETARY.

26 (2) THE FUND IS NOT SUBJECT TO § 7-302 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND  
27 PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.

28 (3) THE FUND SHALL BE SUBJECT TO AN AUDIT BY THE DIVISION OF  
29 AUDITS AS PROVIDED FOR IN § 2-1220 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.

30 (4) GRANTS SHALL BE AWARDED TO THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS  
31 FROM THE FUND AS AUTHORIZED BY THE BOARD.

32 18-403.

33 (A) THE BOARD SHALL ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR:

1 (1) THE APPLICATION FOR GRANTS FROM THE FUND BY MUNICIPAL  
2 CORPORATIONS; AND

3 (2) THE EVALUATION OF PROGRESS BY MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS IN  
4 UPDATING THEIR PUBLIC SAFETY TECHNOLOGY.

5 (B) (1) IN AWARDING GRANTS FROM THE FUND, THE BOARD SHALL  
6 CONSIDER:

7 (I) THE EXTENT OF THE NEED TO UPDATE PUBLIC SAFETY  
8 COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS AND TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS IN THE AREA IDENTIFIED  
9 BY THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION APPLYING FOR A GRANT;

10 (II) THE GOALS AND PLANS OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION  
11 WITH RESPECT TO UPDATED PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS AND  
12 TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS; AND

13 (III) OTHER FACTORS RELATING TO THE NEED TO UPDATE PUBLIC  
14 SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS AND RELATED TECHNOLOGICAL SYSTEMS IN  
15 THE STATE THAT THE BOARD CONSIDERS REASONABLE.

16 (2) IT IS THE INTENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT GRANTS BE  
17 DISTRIBUTED TO THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS THROUGHOUT THE STATE BASED  
18 ON THE EXTENT OF THE NEED TO UPDATE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS  
19 SYSTEMS AND TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS AS DETERMINED BY THE BOARD.

20 18-404.

21 A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION THAT IS AWARDED A GRANT UNDER THIS  
22 SUBTITLE SHALL:

23 (1) USE THE GRANT SOLELY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE  
24 GRANT FOR UPDATING PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS AND  
25 TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS; AND

26 (2) COMPLY WITH REPORTING REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED BY THE  
27 BOARD FOR PURPOSES OF EVALUATING THE EFFORTS OF THE MUNICIPAL  
28 CORPORATION TO UPDATE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS AND  
29 RELATED TECHNOLOGICAL SYSTEMS UNDER THE GRANT.

30 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
31 October 1, 2000.