

## TACIR - TACIR Study of House Bill 0204 / 911 funding

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My comments follow:

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Honorable Harry A. Green, Executive Director  
Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations  
226 Capitol Boulevard Building, Suite 508  
Nashville, TN 37243

Reference: TACIR Study of House Bill 024, Senate Bill 0208 / 911 Funding

Dear Dr. Green:

I wish to thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed legislation concerning the enhanced 9-1-1 Service sponsored by Representative Matheny and Senator Stewart.

It is my understanding that this proposed legislation would:

- 1) Increase the monthly cell phone fee charge from \$1.00 to \$1.50
- 2) Reallocate the distribution of the service charge from TECB to local Emergency Communications District (ECD) from 25% to 65%
- 3) Distribute an additional 5% of the revenue generated to the lowest populated

We fully support the provision of this bill.

It appears that the number of land line phone service is decreasing while the number of cell phones service is increasing. Therefore, the reallocation of the cell phone fee would greatly enhance the local government's ability to continue to provide the 911 service for the foreseeable future.

Currently, the TCEB policy prohibits 911 revenues from being used to support dispatching operations. This requires us to supply this revenue through annual budget appropriations through the County Sheriff's office. We believe that 911 fee should provide all cost for this service.

The enhanced E-911 is vital part of our emergency response and we should do all that is possible to provide this service to all our citizens.

Sincerely,

*(signed)*

Ralph Rieben, Chairman  
Grundy County Legislative Body  
(The Grundy County Commission)