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H. F. No. **515**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Criminal Justice Reform Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to public safety; establishing a 911 telecommunicator working group to  
1.3 establish statewide standards for training and certification; requiring a report.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. **911 TELECOMMUNICATOR WORKING GROUP.**

1.6 Subdivision 1. **Membership.** (a) The commissioner of public safety shall convene a 911  
1.7 telecommunicator working group that consists of the commissioner, or a designee, and one  
1.8 representative of each of the following organizations:

- 1.9 (1) the Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association;
- 1.10 (2) the Minnesota Sheriffs' Association;
- 1.11 (3) the Minnesota Police and Peace Officers Association;
- 1.12 (4) the Emergency Communications Network;
- 1.13 (5) the Minnesota State Fire Chiefs Association;
- 1.14 (6) the Association of Minnesota Counties;
- 1.15 (7) the League of Minnesota Cities;
- 1.16 (8) tribal dispatchers;
- 1.17 (9) the Metropolitan Emergency Services Board;
- 1.18 (10) the Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board;
- 1.19 (11) the Statewide Emergency Communications Board; and

2.1 (12) each of the Statewide Emergency Communications Board's seven regional boards.

2.2 (b) Appointments to the working group must be made by July 1, 2021.

2.3 Subd. 2. **Duties; report.** The working group must submit a report to the chairs and  
2.4 ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over public safety  
2.5 policy and finance by January 15, 2022. The report must:

2.6 (1) recommend a statutory definition of 911 telecommunicators;

2.7 (2) recommend minimum training and continuing education standards for certification  
2.8 of 911 telecommunicators;

2.9 (3) recommend standards for certification of 911 telecommunicators;

2.10 (4) recommend funding options for mandated 911 telecommunicators training; and

2.11 (5) provide other recommendations the working group deems appropriate.

2.12 Subd. 3. **First meeting; chair.** The commissioner of public safety must convene the  
2.13 first meeting of the working group by August 1, 2021. At the first meeting, the members  
2.14 must elect a chair. The working group may conduct meetings remotely. The chair shall be  
2.15 responsible for document management of materials for the working group.

2.16 Subd. 4. **Compensation; reimbursement.** Members serve without compensation.

2.17 Subd. 5. **Administrative support.** The commissioner of public safety must provide  
2.18 administrative support to the working group.

2.19 Subd. 6. **Expiration.** The working group expires January 15, 2022.

2.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.