

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT**

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Page 276, after line 17, insert the following:

**1 SEC. 43102. DEPOSIT OF PROCEEDS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding subparagraphs  
3 (A), (C)(i), (D), and (G)(iii) of section 309(j)(8) of the  
4 Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 309(j)(8)) and  
5 except as provided in subparagraph (B) of such section,  
6 the proceeds (including deposits and upfront payments  
7 from successful bidders) from any covered auction shall  
8 be deposited or available as follows:

9 (1) In the case of proceeds attributable to eligi-  
10 ble frequencies described in subsection (g)(2) of sec-  
11 tion 113 of the National Telecommunications and  
12 Information Administration Organization Act (47  
13 U.S.C. 923), such amount of such proceeds as is  
14 necessary to cover 110 percent of the relocation or  
15 sharing costs (as defined in subsection (g)(3) of such  
16 section) of Federal entities (as defined in subsection  
17 (l) of such section) relocated from or sharing such  
18 eligible frequencies shall be deposited in the Spec-

1       trum Relocation Fund established under section 118  
2       of such Act (47 U.S.C. 928).

3           (2) In the case of proceeds attributable to spec-  
4       trum usage rights made available through an incen-  
5       tive auction under subparagraph (G) of section  
6       309(j)(8) of the Communications Act of 1934 (47  
7       U.S.C. 309(j)(8)), such amount of such proceeds as  
8       the Federal Communications Commission has agreed  
9       to share with licensees under such subparagraph  
10      shall be shared with such licensees.

11          (3) Any remaining proceeds after carrying out  
12      paragraphs (1) and (2) shall be deposited or avail-  
13      able as follows:

14           (A) 30 percent of any such proceeds, but  
15      not more than \$14,800,000,000 cumulatively,  
16      shall be available to the Assistant Secretary of  
17      Commerce for Communications and Informa-  
18      tion until expended to carry out sections 159,  
19      160, and 161 of the National Telecommuni-  
20      cations and Information Administration Organi-  
21      zation Act, as added by section 43103 of this  
22      part, except that not more than 4 percent of  
23      the amount made available by this subpara-  
24      graph may be used for administrative purposes

1 (including carrying out such sections 160 and  
2 161).

3 (B) Any remaining proceeds after carrying  
4 out subparagraph (A) shall be deposited in the  
5 general fund of the Treasury, where such  
6 amounts shall be dedicated for the sole purpose  
7 of deficit reduction.

8 (b) EFFECT OF CERTAIN OTHER FUNDING.—If any  
9 Federal funds, other than the amount to be made available  
10 by subsection (a)(3)(A), are made available for the pur-  
11 pose described in such subsection, the amount to be made  
12 available by such subsection shall be reduced by the  
13 amount of such other Federal funds.

14 (c) COVERED AUCTION DEFINED.—In this section,  
15 the term “covered auction” means any system of competi-  
16 tive bidding required by section 43101(b).

17 **SEC. 43103. FURTHER DEPLOYMENT AND COORDINATION**  
18 **OF NEXT GENERATION 9–1–1.**

19 Part C of the National Telecommunications and In-  
20 formation Administration Organization Act is amended by  
21 adding at the end the following:

22 **“SEC. 159. COORDINATION OF NEXT GENERATION 9–1–1 IM-**  
23 **PLEMENTATION.**

24 **“(a) DUTIES OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY WITH RE-**  
25 **SPECT TO NEXT GENERATION 9–1–1.—**

1           “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Assistant Secretary,  
2           after consulting with the Administrator, shall—

3                   “(A) take actions, in coordination with  
4                   State points of contact described under sub-  
5                   section (c)(3)(A)(ii) as applicable, to improve  
6                   coordination and communication with respect to  
7                   the implementation of Next Generation 9–1–1;

8                   “(B) develop, collect, and disseminate in-  
9                   formation concerning the practices, procedures,  
10                  and technology used in the implementation of  
11                  Next Generation 9–1–1;

12                  “(C) advise and assist eligible entities in  
13                  the preparation of implementation plans re-  
14                  quired under subsection (c)(3)(A)(iii);

15                  “(D) provide technical assistance to eligible  
16                  entities provided a grant under subsection (c) in  
17                  support of efforts to explore efficiencies related  
18                  to Next Generation 9–1–1;

19                  “(E) review and approve or disapprove ap-  
20                  plications for grants under subsection (c); and

21                  “(F) oversee the use of funds provided by  
22                  such grants in fulfilling such implementation  
23                  plans.

24           “(2) ANNUAL REPORTS.—Not later than Octo-  
25           ber 1, 2026, and each year thereafter until funds

1       made available to make grants under subsection (c)  
2       are no longer available to be expended, the Assistant  
3       Secretary shall submit to Congress a report on the  
4       activities conducted by the Assistant Secretary under  
5       paragraph (1) in the year preceding the submission  
6       of the report.

7           “(3) ASSISTANCE.—The Assistant Secretary  
8       may seek the assistance of the Administrator in car-  
9       rying out the duties described in subparagraphs (A)  
10      through (D) of paragraph (1) as the Assistant Sec-  
11      retary determines necessary.

12      “(b) ADDITIONAL DUTIES.—

13           “(1) MANAGEMENT PLAN.—

14           “(A) DEVELOPMENT.—The Assistant Sec-  
15      retary, after consulting with the Administrator,  
16      shall develop a management plan for the grant  
17      program established under this section, includ-  
18      ing by developing—

19           “(i) plans related to the organiza-  
20      tional structure of such program; and

21           “(ii) funding profiles for each fiscal  
22      year of the duration of such program.

23           “(B) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—Not  
24      later than 180 days after the date of the enact-

1           ment of this section, the Assistant Secretary  
2           shall—

3                   “(i) submit the management plan de-  
4                   veloped under subparagraph (A) to—

5                           “(I) the Committees on Com-  
6                           merce, Science, and Transportation  
7                           and Appropriations of the Senate; and

8                           “(II) the Committees on Energy  
9                           and Commerce and Appropriations of  
10                          the House of Representatives;

11                          “(ii) publish the management plan on  
12                          the website of the National Telecommuni-  
13                          cations and Information Administration;  
14                          and

15                          “(iii) provide the management plan to  
16                          the Administrator for the purpose of pub-  
17                          lishing the management plan on the  
18                          website of the National Highway Traffic  
19                          Safety Administration.

20           “(2) MODIFICATION OF PLAN.—

21                   “(A) MODIFICATION.—The Assistant Sec-  
22                   retary, after consulting with the Administrator,  
23                   may modify the management plan developed  
24                   under paragraph (1)(A).

1 “(B) SUBMISSION.—Not later than 90  
2 days after the plan is modified under subpara-  
3 graph (A), the Assistant Secretary shall—

4 “(i) submit the modified plan to—

5 “(I) the Committees on Com-  
6 merce, Science, and Transportation  
7 and Appropriations of the Senate; and  
8 “(II) the Committees on Energy  
9 and Commerce and Appropriations of  
10 the House of Representatives;

11 “(ii) publish the modified plan on the  
12 website of the National Telecommuni-  
13 cations and Information Administration;  
14 and

15 “(iii) provide the modified plan to the  
16 Administrator for the purpose of pub-  
17 lishing the modified plan on the website of  
18 the National Highway Traffic Safety Ad-  
19 ministration.

20 “(c) NEXT GENERATION 9–1–1 IMPLEMENTATION  
21 GRANTS.—

22 “(1) GRANTS.—The Assistant Secretary shall  
23 provide grants to eligible entities for—

24 “(A) implementing Next Generation 9–1–  
25 1;

1 “(B) maintaining Next Generation 9–1–1;

2 “(C) training directly related to imple-  
3 menting, maintaining, and operating Next Gen-  
4 eration 9–1–1 if the cost related to the training  
5 does not exceed—

6 “(i) 3 percent of the total grant  
7 award for eligible entities that are not  
8 Tribes; and

9 “(ii) 5 percent of the total grant  
10 award for eligible entities that are Tribes;

11 “(D) public outreach and education on how  
12 the public can best use Next Generation 9–1–  
13 1 and the capabilities and usefulness of Next  
14 Generation 9–1–1;

15 “(E) administrative costs associated with  
16 planning of Next Generation 9–1–1, including  
17 any cost related to planning for and preparing  
18 an application and related materials as required  
19 by this subsection, if—

20 “(i) the cost is fully documented in  
21 materials submitted to the Assistant Sec-  
22 retary; and

23 “(ii) the cost is reasonable, necessary,  
24 and does not exceed—



1                   “(I) 1 percent of the total grant  
2                   award for eligible entities that are not  
3                   Tribes; and

4                   “(II) 2 percent of the total grant  
5                   award for eligible entities that are  
6                   Tribes;

7                   “(F) costs associated with implementing  
8                   cybersecurity measures at emergency commu-  
9                   nications centers or with respect to Next Gen-  
10                  eration 9–1–1.

11                  “(2) APPLICATION.—In providing grants under  
12                  paragraph (1), the Assistant Secretary, after con-  
13                  sulting with the Administrator, shall require an eligi-  
14                  ble entity to submit to the Assistant Secretary an  
15                  application, at the time and in the manner deter-  
16                  mined by the Assistant Secretary, and containing  
17                  the certification required by paragraph (3).

18                  “(3) COORDINATION REQUIRED.—Each eligible  
19                  entity shall include in the application required by  
20                  paragraph (2) a certification that—

21                   “(A) in the case of an eligible entity that  
22                   is a State, the entity—

23                   “(i) has coordinated the application  
24                   with the emergency communications cen-

1           ters located within the jurisdiction of the  
2           entity;

3           “(ii) has designated a single officer or  
4           governmental body to serve as the State  
5           point of contact to coordinate the imple-  
6           mentation of Next Generation 9–1–1 for  
7           that State, except that such designation  
8           need not vest such officer or governmental  
9           body with direct legal authority to imple-  
10          ment Next Generation 9–1–1 or to manage  
11          emergency communications operations; and

12          “(iii) has developed and submitted a  
13          plan for the coordination and implementa-  
14          tion of Next Generation 9–1–1 that—

15               “(I) ensures interoperability by  
16               requiring the use of commonly accept-  
17               ed standards;

18               “(II) ensures reliability;

19               “(III) enables emergency commu-  
20               nications centers to process, analyze,  
21               and store multimedia, data, and other  
22               information;

23               “(IV) incorporates cybersecurity  
24               tools, including intrusion detection  
25               and prevention measures;

1 “(V) includes strategies for co-  
2 ordinating cybersecurity information  
3 sharing between Federal, State, Trib-  
4 al, and local government partners;

5 “(VI) uses open and competitive  
6 request for proposal processes, includ-  
7 ing through shared government pro-  
8 curement vehicles, for deployment of  
9 Next Generation 9–1–1;

10 “(VII) documents how input was  
11 received and accounted for from rel-  
12 evant rural and urban emergency  
13 communications centers, regional au-  
14 thorities, local authorities, and Tribal  
15 authorities;

16 “(VIII) includes a governance  
17 body or bodies, either by creation of  
18 new, or use of existing, body or bod-  
19 ies, for the development and deploy-  
20 ment of Next Generation 9–1–1  
21 that—

22 “(aa) ensures full notice and  
23 opportunity for participation by  
24 relevant stakeholders; and

1 “(bb) consults and coordi-  
2 nates with the State point of con-  
3 tact required by clause (ii);

4 “(IX) creates efficiencies related  
5 to Next Generation 9–1–1 functions,  
6 including cybersecurity and the  
7 virtualization and sharing of infra-  
8 structure, equipment, and services;  
9 and

10 “(X) utilizes an effective, com-  
11 petitive approach to establishing au-  
12 thentication, credentialing, secure con-  
13 nections, and access in deploying Next  
14 Generation 9–1–1, including by—

15 “(aa) requiring certificate  
16 authorities to be capable of cross-  
17 certification with other authori-  
18 ties;

19 “(bb) avoiding risk of a sin-  
20 gle point of failure or vulner-  
21 ability; and

22 “(cc) adhering to Federal  
23 agency best practices such as  
24 those promulgated by the Na-

1                   tional Institute of Standards and  
2                   Technology; and

3                   “(B) in the case of an eligible entity that  
4                   is a Tribe, the Tribe has complied with clauses  
5                   (i) and (iii) of subparagraph (A).

6                   “(4) CRITERIA.—

7                   “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year  
8                   after the date of the enactment of this section,  
9                   the Assistant Secretary, after consulting with  
10                  the Administrator, shall issue rules, after pro-  
11                  viding the public with notice and an opportunity  
12                  to comment, prescribing the criteria for select-  
13                  ing eligible entities for grants under this sub-  
14                  section.

15                  “(B) REQUIREMENTS.—The criteria  
16                  shall—

17                         “(i) include performance requirements  
18                         and a schedule for completion of any  
19                         project to be financed by a grant under  
20                         this subsection; and

21                         “(ii) specifically permit regional or  
22                         multi-State applications for funds.

23                   “(C) UPDATES.—The Assistant Secretary  
24                   shall update such rules as necessary.

1           “(5) GRANT CERTIFICATIONS.—Each eligible  
2           entity shall certify to the Assistant Secretary at the  
3           time of application for a grant under this subsection,  
4           and each eligible entity that receives such a grant  
5           shall certify to the Assistant Secretary annually  
6           thereafter during any period of time the funds from  
7           the grant are available to the eligible entity, that—

8                   “(A) beginning on the date that is 180  
9                   days before the date on which the application is  
10                  filed, no portion of any 9–1–1 fee or charge im-  
11                  posed by the eligible entity (or in the case that  
12                  the eligible entity is not a State or Tribe, any  
13                  State or taxing jurisdiction within which the eli-  
14                  gible entity will carry out, or is carrying out,  
15                  activities using grant funds) is obligated or ex-  
16                  pended for a purpose or function not designated  
17                  under the rules issued pursuant to section  
18                  6(f)(3) of the Wireless Communications and  
19                  Public Safety Act of 1999 (47 U.S.C. 615a–  
20                  1(f)(3)) (as such rules are in effect on the date  
21                  on which the eligible entity makes the certifi-  
22                  cation) as acceptable;

23                   “(B) any funds received by the eligible en-  
24                  tity will be used, consistent with paragraph (1),  
25                  to support the deployment of Next Generation

1 9–1–1 that ensures reliability and interoper-  
2 ability, by requiring the use of commonly ac-  
3 cepted standards;

4 “(C) the eligible entity (or in the case that  
5 the eligible entity is not a State or Tribe, any  
6 State or taxing jurisdiction within which the eli-  
7 gible entity will carry out or is carrying out ac-  
8 tivities using grant funds) has established, or  
9 has committed to establish not later than 3  
10 years following the date on which the grant  
11 funds are distributed to the eligible entity—

12 “(i) a sustainable funding mechanism  
13 for Next Generation 9–1–1; and

14 “(ii) effective cybersecurity resources  
15 for Next Generation 9–1–1;

16 “(D) the eligible entity will promote inter-  
17 operability between emergency communications  
18 centers deploying Next Generation 9–1–1 and  
19 emergency response providers, including users  
20 of the nationwide public safety broadband net-  
21 work;

22 “(E) the eligible entity has or will take  
23 steps to coordinate with adjoining States and  
24 Tribes to establish and maintain Next Genera-  
25 tion 9–1–1; and

1           “(F) the eligible entity has developed a  
2           plan for public outreach and education on how  
3           the public can best use Next Generation 9–1–  
4           1 and on the capabilities and usefulness of Next  
5           Generation 9–1–1.

6           “(6) CONDITION OF GRANT.—Each eligible en-  
7           tity shall agree, as a condition of receipt of a grant  
8           under this subsection, that if any State or taxing ju-  
9           risdiction within which the eligible entity will carry  
10          out activities using grant funds fails to comply with  
11          a certification required under paragraph (5), during  
12          any period of time during which the funds from the  
13          grant are available to the eligible entity, all of the  
14          funds from such grant shall be returned to the As-  
15          sistant Secretary.

16          “(7) PENALTY FOR PROVIDING FALSE INFOR-  
17          MATION.—Any eligible entity that provides a certifi-  
18          cation under paragraph (5) knowing that the infor-  
19          mation provided in the certification was false shall—

20                 “(A) not be eligible to receive the grant  
21                 under this subsection;

22                 “(B) return any grant awarded under this  
23                 subsection; and

24                 “(C) not be eligible to receive any subse-  
25                 quent grants under this subsection.



1           “(8) PROHIBITION.—Grant funds provided  
2           under this subsection may not be used—

3                   “(A) to support any activity of the First  
4           Responder Network Authority; or

5                   “(B) to make any payments to a person  
6           who has been, for reasons of national security,  
7           prohibited by any entity of the Federal Govern-  
8           ment from bidding on a contract, participating  
9           in an auction, or receiving a grant.

10          “(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section and sections 160  
11          and 161:

12                   “(1) 9–1–1 FEE OR CHARGE.—The term ‘9–1–  
13          1 fee or charge’ has the meaning given such term in  
14          section 6(f)(3)(D) of the Wireless Communications  
15          and Public Safety Act of 1999 (47 U.S.C. 615a–  
16          1(f)(3)(D)).

17                   “(2) 9–1–1 REQUEST FOR EMERGENCY ASSIST-  
18          ANCE.—The term ‘9–1–1 request for emergency as-  
19          sistance’ means a communication, such as voice,  
20          text, picture, multimedia, or any other type of data  
21          that is sent to an emergency communications center  
22          for the purpose of requesting emergency assistance.

23                   “(3) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term ‘Adminis-  
24          trator’ means the Administrator of the National  
25          Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

1           “(4) COMMONLY ACCEPTED STANDARDS.—The  
2           term ‘commonly accepted standards’ means the tech-  
3           nical standards followed by the communications in-  
4           dustry for network, device, and Internet Protocol  
5           connectivity that—

6                   “(A) enable interoperability; and

7                   “(B) are—

8                           “(i) developed and approved by a  
9                           standards development organization that is  
10                          accredited by an American standards body  
11                          (such as the American National Standards  
12                          Institute) or an equivalent international  
13                          standards body in a process—

14                                   “(I) that is open to the public,  
15                                   including open for participation by  
16                                   any person; and

17                                   “(II) provides for a conflict reso-  
18                                   lution process;

19                                   “(ii) subject to an open comment and  
20                                   input process before being finalized by the  
21                                   standards development organization;

22                                   “(iii) consensus-based; and

23                                   “(iv) made publicly available once ap-  
24                                   proved.

1           “(5) COST RELATED TO THE TRAINING.—The  
2           term ‘cost related to the training’ means—

3                   “(A) actual wages incurred for travel and  
4                   attendance, including any necessary overtime  
5                   pay and backfill wage;

6                   “(B) travel expenses;

7                   “(C) instructor expenses; or

8                   “(D) facility costs and training materials.

9           “(6) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term ‘eligible en-  
10          tity’—

11                   “(A) means—

12                           “(i) a State or a Tribe; or

13                           “(ii) an entity, including a public au-  
14                           thority, board, or commission, established  
15                           by one or more entities described in clause  
16                           (i); and

17                   “(B) does not include any entity that has  
18                   failed to submit the certifications required  
19                   under subsection (c)(5).

20           “(7) EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER.—

21                   “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘emergency  
22                   communications center’ means—

23                           “(i) a facility that—

1 “(I) is designated to receive a 9–  
2 1–1 request for emergency assistance;  
3 and

4 “(II) performs one or more of the  
5 functions described in subparagraph  
6 (B); or

7 “(ii) a public safety answering point,  
8 as defined in section 222 of the Commu-  
9 nications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 222).

10 “(B) FUNCTIONS DESCRIBED.—The func-  
11 tions described in this subparagraph are the fol-  
12 lowing:

13 “(i) Processing and analyzing 9–1–1  
14 requests for emergency assistance and in-  
15 formation and data related to such re-  
16 quests.

17 “(ii) Dispatching appropriate emer-  
18 gency response providers.

19 “(iii) Transferring or exchanging 9–  
20 1–1 requests for emergency assistance and  
21 information and data related to such re-  
22 quests with one or more other emergency  
23 communications centers and emergency re-  
24 sponse providers.

1                   “(iv) Analyzing any communications  
2                   received from emergency response pro-  
3                   viders.

4                   “(v) Supporting incident command  
5                   functions.

6                   “(8) EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROVIDERS.—The  
7                   term ‘emergency response providers’ has the mean-  
8                   ing given that term under section 2 of the Homeland  
9                   Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 101).

10                  “(9) FIRST RESPONDER NETWORK AUTHOR-  
11                  ITY.—The term ‘First Responder Network Author-  
12                  ity’ means the authority established under section  
13                  6204 of the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Cre-  
14                  ation Act of 2012 (47 U.S.C. 1424).

15                  “(10) INTEROPERABILITY.—The term ‘inter-  
16                  operability’ means the capability of emergency com-  
17                  munications centers to receive 9–1–1 requests for  
18                  emergency assistance and information and data re-  
19                  lated to such requests, such as location information  
20                  and callback numbers from a person initiating the  
21                  request, then process and share the 9–1–1 requests  
22                  for emergency assistance and information and data  
23                  related to such requests with other emergency com-  
24                  munications centers and emergency response pro-  
25                  viders without the need for proprietary interfaces

1 and regardless of jurisdiction, equipment, device,  
2 software, service provider, or other relevant factors.

3 “(11) NATIONWIDE PUBLIC SAFETY  
4 BROADBAND NETWORK.—The term ‘nationwide pub-  
5 lic safety broadband network’ has the meaning given  
6 the term in section 6001 of the Middle Class Tax  
7 Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 (47 U.S.C.  
8 1401).

9 “(12) NEXT GENERATION 9–1–1.—The term  
10 ‘Next Generation 9–1–1’ means an Internet Pro-  
11 tocol-based system that—

12 “(A) ensures interoperability;

13 “(B) is secure;

14 “(C) employs commonly accepted stand-  
15 ards;

16 “(D) enables emergency communications  
17 centers to receive, process, and analyze all types  
18 of 9–1–1 requests for emergency assistance;

19 “(E) acquires and integrates additional in-  
20 formation useful to handling 9–1–1 requests for  
21 emergency assistance; and

22 “(F) supports sharing information related  
23 to 9–1–1 requests for emergency assistance  
24 among emergency communications centers and  
25 emergency response providers.

1           “(13) RELIABILITY.—The term ‘reliability’  
2       means the employment of sufficient measures to en-  
3       sure the ongoing operation of Next Generation 9–1–  
4       1 including through the use of geo-diverse, device-  
5       and network-agnostic elements that provide more  
6       than one route between end points with no common  
7       points where a single failure at that point would  
8       cause all to fail.

9           “(14) STATE.—The term ‘State’ means any  
10      State of the United States, the District of Columbia,  
11      Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Guam, the United  
12      States Virgin Islands, the Northern Mariana Is-  
13      lands, and any other territory or possession of the  
14      United States.

15          “(15) SUSTAINABLE FUNDING MECHANISM.—  
16      The term ‘sustainable funding mechanism’ means a  
17      funding mechanism that provides adequate revenues  
18      to cover ongoing expenses, including operations,  
19      maintenance, and upgrades.

20          “(16) TRIBE.—The term ‘Tribe’ has the mean-  
21      ing given to the term ‘Indian Tribe’ in section 4(e)  
22      of the Indian Self-Determination and Education As-  
23      sistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304(e)).

1 **“SEC. 160. ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONWIDE NEXT GEN-**  
2 **ERATION 9–1–1 CYBERSECURITY CENTER.**

3 “The Assistant Secretary, after consulting with the  
4 Administrator and the Director of the Cybersecurity and  
5 Infrastructure Security Agency of the Department of  
6 Homeland Security, shall establish a Next Generation 9–  
7 1–1 Cybersecurity Center to coordinate with State, local,  
8 and regional governments on the sharing of cybersecurity  
9 information about, the analysis of cybersecurity threats to,  
10 and guidelines for strategies to detect and prevent cyberse-  
11 curity intrusions relating to Next Generation 9–1–1.

12 **“SEC. 161. NEXT GENERATION 9–1–1 ADVISORY BOARD.**

13 “(a) NEXT GENERATION 9–1–1 ADVISORY BOARD.—

14 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Assistant Sec-  
15 retary shall establish a ‘Public Safety Next Genera-  
16 tion 9–1–1 Advisory Board’ (in this section referred  
17 to as the ‘Board’) to provide recommendations to  
18 the Assistant Secretary—

19 “(A) with respect to carrying out the du-  
20 ties and responsibilities of the Assistant Sec-  
21 retary in issuing the rules required under sec-  
22 tion 159(c)(4);

23 “(B) as required by paragraph (7); and

24 “(C) upon request under paragraph (8).

25 “(2) MEMBERSHIP.—



1           “(A) VOTING MEMBERS.—Not later than  
2           150 days after the date of the enactment of this  
3           section, the Assistant Secretary shall appoint  
4           16 public safety members to the Board, of  
5           which—

6                   “(i) 4 members shall represent local  
7                   law enforcement officials;

8                   “(ii) 4 members shall represent fire  
9                   and rescue officials;

10                  “(iii) 4 members shall represent emer-  
11                  gency medical service officials; and

12                  “(iv) 4 members shall represent 9–1–  
13                  1 professionals.

14           “(B) DIVERSITY OF MEMBERSHIP.—Mem-  
15           bers shall be representatives of State or Tribes  
16           and local governments, chosen to reflect geo-  
17           graphic and population density differences as  
18           well as public safety organizations at the na-  
19           tional level across the United States.

20           “(C) EXPERTISE.—All members shall have  
21           specific expertise necessary for developing tech-  
22           nical requirements under this section, such as  
23           technical expertise, and expertise related to  
24           public safety communications and 9–1–1 serv-  
25           ices.

1                   “(D) RANK AND FILE MEMBERS.—In mak-  
2                   ing the appointments required by subparagraph  
3                   (A), the Assistant Secretary shall appoint a  
4                   rank and file member from each of the public  
5                   safety disciplines listed in clauses (i) through  
6                   (iv) of such subparagraph as a member of the  
7                   Board and shall select such member from an  
8                   organization that represents its public safety  
9                   discipline at the national level.

10                  “(3) PERIOD OF APPOINTMENT.—

11                   “(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in  
12                   subparagraph (B), members of the Board shall  
13                   serve for a 3-year term.

14                   “(B) REMOVAL FOR CAUSE.—A member of  
15                   the Board may be removed for cause upon the  
16                   determination of the Assistant Secretary.

17                  “(4) VACANCIES.—Any vacancy in the Board  
18                   shall be filled in the same manner as the original ap-  
19                   pointment.

20                  “(5) QUORUM.—A majority of the members of  
21                   the Board shall constitute a quorum.

22                  “(6) CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIRPERSON.—  
23                   The Board shall select a Chairperson and Vice  
24                   Chairperson from among the voting members of the  
25                   Board.

1           “(7) DUTY OF BOARD TO SUBMIT REC-  
2           COMMENDATIONS.—Not later than 120 days after all  
3           members of the Board are appointed under para-  
4           graph (2), the Board shall submit to the Assistant  
5           Secretary recommendations for—

6                   “(A) deploying Next Generation 9–1–1 in  
7                   rural and urban areas;

8                   “(B) ensuring flexibility in guidance, rules,  
9                   and grant funding to allow for technology im-  
10                  provements;

11                  “(C) creating efficiencies related to Next  
12                  Generation 9–1–1, including cybersecurity and  
13                  the virtualization and sharing of core infra-  
14                  structure;

15                  “(D) enabling effective coordination among  
16                  State, local, Tribal, and territorial government  
17                  entities to ensure that the needs of emergency  
18                  communications centers in both rural and  
19                  urban areas are taken into account in each im-  
20                  plementation plan required under section  
21                  159(c)(3)(A)(iii); and

22                  “(E) incorporating existing cybersecurity  
23                  resources to Next Generation 9–1–1 procure-  
24                  ment and deployment.

1           “(8) AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL REC-  
2           COMMENDATIONS.—Except as provided in paragraphs  
3           (1) and (7), the Board may provide recommenda-  
4           tions to the Assistant Secretary only upon request of  
5           the Assistant Secretary.

6           “(9) DURATION OF AUTHORITY.—The Board  
7           shall terminate on the date on which funds made  
8           available to make grants under section 159(c) are no  
9           longer available to be expended.

10          “(b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-  
11          tion may be construed as limiting the authority of the As-  
12          sistant Secretary to seek comment from stakeholders and  
13          the public.”.

