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7 FOR THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND
8 TELECOMMUNICATIONS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 REQUESTING THAT THE LOCAL LEVEL E911 ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND THE
12 STATE E911 COORDINATING COMMITTEE CREATED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER
13 PRESENT THEIR FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY OCTOBER 31, 2009
14 TO LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES.

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16 WHEREAS, enhanced 911, commonly referred to as "E911",
17 provides a telecommunications system that automatically
18 associates a physical address or location with the calling
19 party's telephone number and routes a call to the closest or
20 most appropriate public service answering point, called a
21 "PSAP", for that address or location; and

22 WHEREAS, the legislature enacted the Enhanced 911 Act "to
23 further the public interest and protect the safety, health and
24 welfare of the people of New Mexico by enabling the
25 development, installation and operation of enhanced 911

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1 emergency reporting systems to be operated under shared state
2 and local governmental management and control"; and

3 WHEREAS, the time from when someone calls 911 to when help
4 actually arrives, the end-to-end solution involves an immense
5 array of intertwined data; computer, radio and transmission
6 equipment and software; public safety infrastructure; various
7 personnel resources; and a variety of complex, technical and
8 expensive response equipment; and

9 WHEREAS, the enhanced 911 fund is limited to the costs of
10 providing E911 services but does not include or extend to end-
11 to-end solutions, which are funded by somewhat uncoordinated
12 and unreliable federal, state and local funding mechanisms; and

13 WHEREAS, the consolidation of some PSAPs, the lack of
14 interoperability and an ever-expanding array of public and
15 private technology create challenges to fund and deliver
16 adequately effective E911 services throughout the state; and

17 WHEREAS, the governor issued Executive Order 2007-005 to
18 establish the local level E911 advisory committee to advise the
19 state on matters that affect the operations of local PSAPs and
20 the emergency response system within New Mexico; and

21 WHEREAS, the governor issued Executive Order 2007-006 to
22 establish the state E911 coordinating committee to coordinate
23 efforts among state agencies to ensure an end-to-end public
24 safety solution, radio interoperability among responders and
25 coordinated funding; and

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1 WHEREAS, the local level E911 advisory committee has been
2 working on a needs assessment and gap analysis for local
3 governments and the state E911 coordinating committee has been
4 focusing on the funding needs of a statewide end-to-end
5 emergency response system; and

6 WHEREAS, both the local level E911 advisory committee and
7 the state E911 coordinating committee expect to have their
8 findings and recommendations available by early fall 2009; and

9 WHEREAS, the information technology and telecommunications
10 oversight committee has received testimony and made
11 recommendations over several years regarding the technological
12 and financial needs of an E911 system;

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
14 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the local level E911 advisory
15 committee and the state E911 coordinating committee be
16 requested to ensure that, in addition to the agencies and other
17 entities with which the committees are required to work by
18 executive order, the committees ensure broad consensus by also
19 working with the department of finance and administration, the
20 taxation and revenue department, the homeland security and
21 emergency management department, the department of information
22 technology, the New Mexico state police, the department of
23 public safety, the public regulation commission and the
24 department of health; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the local level E911 advisory
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1 committee and the state E911 coordinating committee review the
2 Enhanced 911 Act, the Emergency Medical Services Act, the
3 Homeland Security and Emergency Management Department Act, the
4 Department of Information Technology Act, the Public Safety
5 Telecommunicator Training Act and other relevant statutes or
6 rules with a focus on identifying conflicts, overlaps or
7 uncoordinated policies as well as funding considerations; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the local level E911 advisory
9 committee and the state E911 coordinating committee jointly
10 present their findings and recommendations to the information
11 technology and telecommunications oversight committee or its
12 successor committee, the legislative finance committee and the
13 office of the governor by October 31, 2009; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
15 transmitted to the local level E911 advisory committee, the
16 state E911 coordinating committee, the department of finance
17 and administration, the taxation and revenue department, the
18 homeland security and emergency management department, the
19 department of information technology, the New Mexico state
20 police, the department of public safety, the public regulation
21 commission and the department of health.

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