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Representative Marcotte of Coventry moves that the bill be amended by adding Sec. 10b and a reader assistance to read as follows:

\* \* \* E-911; Call-taking Services; Study \* \* \*

Sec. 10b. E-911; CALL-TAKING SERVICES; STUDY

(a) A working group shall be formed to study and make recommendations regarding the most efficient, reliable, and cost effective means for providing statewide call-taking operations for Vermont’s 911 system. Among other things, the group shall make findings related to the financing, operations, and geographical location of 911 call-taking services. In addition, the group’s findings shall include a description of the number and nature of calls received, and an evaluation of current and potential State and local partnerships with respect to the provision of such services. The group’s recommendations shall strive to achieve the best possible outcome in terms of ensuring the health and safety of Vermonters and Vermont communities.

(b) Members of the working group shall include a representative from each of the following entities: the Enhanced 911 Board; the Department of Public Safety; the Vermont League of Cities and Towns; the Vermont State Firefighters’ Association; the Vermont Ambulance Association; the Vermont Association of Chiefs of Police; and the Vermont Sheriffs’ Association.

1        (c) The representative from the E-911 Board shall convene the first meeting  
2        of the working group, at which the group shall elect a Chair and Vice Chair  
3        from among its members. The group shall meet as needed, and shall receive  
4        administrative and staffing support from the Department of Public Safety, and  
5        may request relevant financial information from the Joint Fiscal Office.

6        (d) On or before January 15, 2017, the group shall report its findings and  
7        recommendations to the House Committees on Commerce and Economic  
8        Development, on Government Operations, on Appropriations, and on Ways  
9        and Means and to the Senate Committees on Finance, on Government  
10       Operations, on Appropriations, and on Economic Development, Housing, and  
11       General Affairs, and to the Governor.

12       (e) The Department of Public Safety shall continue to provide 911 call-  
13       taking services unless otherwise directed by legislative enactment.