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2 Representative Shaw of Pittsford moves that the bill be amended by adding a

3 Sec. 29a to read:

4 Sec. 29a. UNIFORM DISPATCH FEES

5 (a) On or before January 15, 2016, the Commissioner of Public Safety shall  
6 propose a specific dispatch service fee schedule for use under 20 V.S.A.  
7 § 1871(i), including a fee schedule for dispatching functions at the four  
8 State-operated public safety answering points in Derby, Rockingham, Rutland,  
9 and Williston, which shall remain open and staffed at current staffing levels.  
10 The dispatch fees shall cover the cost of dispatching services at these locations,  
11 less any other sources of revenue to defray the cost of those public service  
12 answering points and dispatching services, including revenue from the  
13 Universal Service Fund. The fee schedule shall be comparable to nonstate  
14 public service answering points and dispatching locations around the State,  
15 including in Hartford, Shelburne, St. Albans, and Lamoille County.

16 (b) The Commissioner shall present his or her proposed fee schedule on or  
17 before January 15, 2016, to the House Committee on Ways and Means and the  
18 Senate Committee on Finance. Based on the Commissioner’s proposal,  
19 uniform statewide fees for dispatch services provided by or under the direction  
20 of the Department of Public Safety shall be set by the General Assembly under  
21 the provisions of 32 V.S.A. § 603 on or before July 1, 2017. Fees collected by

1 the Commissioner shall be deposited in a special fund called the Dispatch Fee  
2 Fund, created in accordance with 32 V.S.A. chapter 7, subchapter 5, and shall  
3 be available to offset the costs of operating the four public service answering  
4 points and dispatch centers.