

Draft Amendment to BAA Concerning the Public Safety Communications Task Force
For Consideration by the House Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs
January 18, 2024

Sec. 43. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.1100, as amended by 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. C.115, is further amended to read:

Sec. B.1100 FISCAL YEAR 2023 ONE-TIME GENERAL FUND

APPROPRIATIONS

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(b) \$11,000,000 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Public Safety for regional dispatch funding. The funds are subject to the following conditions:

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(4) ~~It is the intent of the General Assembly that the Department of Public Safety~~ In order to extract the greatest value from the limited State and federal dollars currently available for public safety communications modernization, it is the intent of the General Assembly that all such funding is expended in an efficient and complementary manner. To that end, the Commissioner of Public Safety shall seek to draw and deploy the \$9,000,000 in Congressionally Directed Spending to support Vermont's transition to a modernized, regional communications network in a manner that coordinates with and advances to the greatest extent possible the goals of a statewide public safety communications system developed by the Public Safety Communications Task Force. The Commissioner of Public Safety shall ~~consult with~~ promptly inform the Public Safety Communications Task Force as ~~the~~ federal parameters for expending the funds become available and as the Commissioner develops ~~a~~ and, if necessary, revises the plan to expend such funds. The plan and any revisions to the plan, including specific

expenditures and the implementation schedule, are subject to the approval of the Task Force. In addition, the Commissioner shall update the Joint Fiscal Committee on planned expenditures.

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