

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AMENDMENT

Committee on Business, Labor, & Technology.

SB25-031 be amended as follows:

1 Amend printed bill, strike everything below the enacting clause and  
2 substitute:

3       **"SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-37.5-903, **add**  
4 (6) as follows:

5       **24-37.5-903. Colorado broadband office - creation -**  
6 **responsibilities - gifts, grants, or donations.** (6) TO THE EXTENT  
7 FEASIBLE, OR WITH ANY AVAILABLE GIFTS, GRANTS, AND DONATIONS, THE  
8 BROADBAND OFFICE MAY INCLUDE WIRELESS SERVICES WHEN  
9 IMPLEMENTING SUBSECTIONS (2)(b) AND (3) OF THIS SECTION.

10       **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 24-33.5-432 as  
11 follows:

12       **24-33.5-432. Emergency alerts - definitions.** (1) (a) BEGINNING  
13 JULY 1, 2027, AN ALERTING AUTHORITY SHALL DISSEMINATE EMERGENCY  
14 ALERTS IN ENGLISH AND IN A PREDOMINANT MINORITY LANGUAGE IF THE  
15 ALERTING AUTHORITY COVERS A COUNTY OR CITY IN WHICH AT LEAST TWO  
16 THOUSAND OR TWO AND ONE-HALF PERCENT OF RESIDENTS WHO ARE  
17 EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER SPEAK THE PREDOMINANT MINORITY  
18 LANGUAGE AND SPEAK ENGLISH LESS THAN VERY WELL, AS REPORTED BY  
19 THE UNITED STATES CENSUS BUREAU'S AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY  
20 OR COMPARABLE AVAILABLE AND VALIDATED CENSUS DATA.

21       (b) AN EMERGENCY ALERT MUST BE SENT IN THE TIMELIEST  
22 MANNER POSSIBLE WHEN USING BROADCAST EMERGENCY ALERTS AND  
23 EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEMS. AN ALERTING AUTHORITY MAY  
24 DISSEMINATE EMERGENCY ALERTS BY USING PRELOADED RESIDENT DATA  
25 AND VOLUNTARY REGISTRATIONS. AN ALERTING AUTHORITY SHALL  
26 COMPLY WITH 42 U.S.C. SEC. 12101 ET SEQ., WHEN DISSEMINATING  
27 EMERGENCY ALERTS.

28       (c) EMERGENCY ALERTS MUST BE IN PLAIN LANGUAGE.

29       (d) EMERGENCY ALERTS SENT IN ENGLISH VIA THE BROADCAST  
30 EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM MUST ALSO BE SENT IN PREDOMINATE  
31 MINORITY LANGUAGES THAT THE SYSTEM SUPPORTS.

32       (2) IN ADDITION TO COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS IN  
33 SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION, THE STATE, COUNTIES, MUNICIPALITIES,  
34 AND ALERTING AUTHORITIES ARE ENCOURAGED TO USE AVAILABLE  
35 TECHNOLOGY TO ISSUE EMERGENCY ALERTS IN AS MANY LANGUAGES AS  
36 POSSIBLE IN THE SAME METHOD AS AN ENGLISH ALERT.

37       (3) (a) THE STATE MAY PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO COUNTIES,  
38 MUNICIPALITIES, AND ALERTING AUTHORITIES IN IMPLEMENTING THIS  
39 SECTION.

40       (b) EACH ALERTING AUTHORITY THAT IS REQUIRED TO SEND

1     EMERGENCY ALERTS IN A PREDOMINANT MINORITY LANGUAGE PURSUANT  
2     TO SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION IS ENCOURAGED TO CONDUCT  
3     COMMUNITY OUTREACH TO INFORM PEOPLE WITH LIMITED ENGLISH  
4     PROFICIENCY OF THE AVAILABILITY OF LANGUAGE INTERPRETATION AND  
5     TRANSLATION OPTIONS FOR EMERGENCY ALERTS. EXISTING EMERGENCY  
6     NOTIFICATION SYSTEMS INSTALLED OR SUBSCRIBED TO BY AN ALERTING  
7     AUTHORITY MUST ADHERE TO THIS SECTION AS THE ALERTING  
8     APPLICATION ALLOWS AND IN THE TIMELIEST MANNER. WHEN AN  
9     ALERTING AUTHORITY PURCHASES A NEW EMERGENCY ALERTING SYSTEM,  
10    THE EMERGENCY ALERTING SYSTEM MUST INCLUDE TRANSLATION  
11    FUNCTIONALITY.

12    (4) THE 911 SERVICES ENTERPRISE CREATED IN SECTION 29-11-108  
13    MAY DISTRIBUTE GRANTS TO MUNICIPAL OR COUNTY ALERTING  
14    AUTHORITIES TO IMPLEMENT LANGUAGE AND ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES  
15    FOR EMERGENCY ALERTS. THE ENTERPRISE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL  
16    DETERMINE THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF THE GRANTS AND THE MANNER OF  
17    DISTRIBUTION OF THE GRANTS. THE 911 SERVICES ENTERPRISE SHALL USE  
18    ENTERPRISE FUNDS TO SUPPORT DISTRIBUTION OF THE GRANTS.

19    (5) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT  
20    OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

21      (a) "ALERTING AUTHORITY" MEANS A JURISDICTION WITH THE  
22     DESIGNATED AUTHORITY TO ALERT AND WARN THE PUBLIC WHEN THERE  
23     IS AN IMPENDING NATURAL OR HUMAN-MADE DISASTER, THREAT, OR  
24     DANGEROUS OR MISSING PERSON.

25      (b) "BROADCAST EMERGENCY ALERT" INCLUDING WIRELESS  
26     EMERGENCY ALERTS MEANS SHORT EMERGENCY MESSAGES FROM  
27     AUTHORIZED FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL, AND TERRITORIAL PUBLIC ALERTING  
28     AUTHORITIES THAT MAY BE BROADCAST IN MULTIPLE DELIVERY FORMATS,  
29     INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, CELLULAR PROVIDERS, TO ANY  
30     PRE-ENABLED DEVICE IN A LOCALLY TARGETED AREA. WIRELESS  
31     PROVIDERS PRIMARILY USE CELL BROADCAST TECHNOLOGY FOR MESSAGE  
32     DELIVERY. THE SYSTEM UTILIZED FOR BROADCASTING EMERGENCY  
33     ALERTS IS A PARTNERSHIP AMONG THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY  
34     MANAGEMENT AGENCY, THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
35     AND WIRELESS PROVIDERS TO ENHANCE PUBLIC SAFETY.

36      (c) "EMERGENCY ALERT" MEANS CRITICAL LIFE SAFETY  
37     INFORMATION DISSEMINATED BY AN ALERTING AUTHORITY THAT ADVISES  
38     THE PUBLIC TO PREPARE TO TAKE ACTION OR TAKE ACTION IMMEDIATELY  
39     DUE TO AN IMMINENT LIFE THREAT.

40      (d) "EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM" MEANS A  
41     COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM OR NETWORK OF SYSTEMS, AS DEFINED BY THE  
42     ALERTING AUTHORITY, DESIGNED TO QUICKLY ALERT THE PUBLIC TO  
43     CRITICAL LIFE SAFETY INFORMATION THROUGH MULTIPLE

1 COMMUNICATIONS CHANNELS INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, TEXT  
2 MESSAGES, PHONE CALLS, EMAILS, OR DESKTOP ALERTS.

3 (e) "PREDOMINANT MINORITY LANGUAGE" MEANS A LANGUAGE  
4 SPOKEN BY AT LEAST TWO THOUSAND OR TWO AND ONE-HALF PERCENT OF  
5 RESIDENTS WHO ARE EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER WHO ALSO SPEAK  
6 ENGLISH LESS THAN VERY WELL IN A CITY OR COUNTY WITHIN AN  
7 ALERTING AUTHORITY'S JURISDICTION, AS REPORTED BY THE AMERICAN  
8 COMMUNITY SURVEY DATA OR COMPARABLE AVAILABLE AND VALIDATED  
9 CENSUS DATA.

10 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 29-11-108, **add**  
11 (5)(b)(V.5) as follows:

12 **29-11-108. 911 services enterprise - creation - powers and**  
13 **duties - cash fund - legislative declaration.** (5) The enterprise's primary  
14 powers and duties are to:

15 (b) Distribute funding to governing bodies, PSAPs, statewide 911  
16 organizations, or third parties for the benefit of governing bodies or  
17 PSAPs for purposes that are pre-approved by the board of directors of the  
18 enterprise and are consistent with applicable statutes, regulations,  
19 ordinances, policies, and procedures. The purposes may include:

20 (V.5) AWARDING GRANTS TO LOCAL ALERTING AUTHORITIES, AS  
21 DEFINED IN SECTION 24-33.5-432 (5), TO IMPLEMENT LANGUAGE AND  
22 ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES FOR EMERGENCY ALERTS;

23 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 29-11-101, **amend**  
24 (21) as follows:

25 **29-11-101. Definitions.** As used in this part 1, unless the context  
26 otherwise requires:

27 (21) "Prepaid wireless telecommunications service" means A  
28 wireless telecommunications access that allows the user to make 911  
29 calls, is paid for in advance, and is sold in predetermined units or dollars,  
30 of which the number of units or dollars available to the caller declines  
31 with use in a known amount. SERVICE THAT:

32 (a) IS PAID FOR IN ADVANCE;  
33 (b) IS SOLD IN PREDETERMINED UNITS OF TIME OR DOLLARS THAT  
34 DECLINE WITH USE IN A KNOWN AMOUNT OR PROVIDES UNLIMITED USE OF  
35 THE SERVICE FOR A FIXED PERIOD OF TIME; AND

36 (c) ALLOWS A SERVICE USER TO ACCESS 911 EMERGENCY SERVICE.

37 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 29-11-102.5, **add**  
38 (1.5) as follows:

39 **29-11-102.5. Imposition of charge on prepaid wireless -**  
40 **prepaid wireless trust cash fund - rules - applicability - definitions -**  
41 **repeal.** (1.5) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO PREPAID WIRELESS  
42 TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE. ALL OTHER TELECOMMUNICATION  
43 SERVICES ARE SUBJECT TO SECTIONS 29-11-102 AND 29-11-102.3.

1                   **SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 40-17.5-101, **add**  
2 (9.5) as follows:

3                   **40-17.5-101. Definitions.** As used in this article 17.5, unless the  
4 context otherwise requires:

5                   (9.5) "PREPAID WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE", FOR  
6 THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, HAS THE SAME MEANING AS IN SECTION  
7 29-11-101.

8                   **SECTION 7. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
9 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
10 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except  
11 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V  
12 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this  
13 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take  
14 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
15 November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
16 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.".

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