

## CHAPTER 56

AN ACT concerning the Department of the Treasury, supplementing Title 52 of the Revised Statutes and amending P.L.2005, c.46 and P.L.1989, c.3.

**BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

C.52:18A-219 Division of Risk Management.

1. a. There is established in the Department of the Treasury a Division of Risk Management.

b. All of the functions, powers and duties of the Bureau of Risk Management within the Division of Purchase and Property in the Department of the Treasury are hereby transferred to the Division of Risk Management. Unless otherwise specified in the act, this transfer shall be subject to the provisions of the "State Agency Transfer Act," P.L.1971, c.375 (C. 52:14D-1 et seq.).

c. Whenever any statute, rule, regulation, order, contract, tariff, document, reorganization plan, judicial or administrative proceeding concerning risk management refers to the Bureau of Risk Management, the reference shall mean and refer to the Division of Risk Management.

C.52:18A-220 Director of the Division of Risk Management.

2. The division shall be under the immediate supervision of a director who shall administer the work of the division under the direction and supervision of the State Treasurer. The director shall be appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, and shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The Director of the Division of Risk Management shall receive such salary as shall be determined by the Treasurer within the limits of available appropriations. Notwithstanding the supervision and direction of the director by the State Treasurer, the director shall report directly to the Governor on all activities and responsibilities of the division as specified in this act.

C.52:18A-221 Mission of the division.

3. The mission of the division shall be to implement a well-coordinated strategy to identify and respond to the needs of the various departments and agencies of State Government in this regard. Specifically, the division shall:

a. Procure insurance coverage, if appropriate, for any or all of the various departments and agencies of State Government, other than independent authorities and instrumentalities of the State, including, as otherwise required by law or as appropriate, coverage through self-insurance and use of third party administrators;

b. Assist the various departments and agencies of State Government in developing sound plans of risk management, including developing programs to protect physical assets, and developing and implementing safety programs to mitigate both the frequency and severity of accidental loss and by reviewing these plans and programs from time to time;

c. Administer the processing of all claims for the various self-administered and self-funded insurance programs of State agencies and departments, with litigation support from the Department of Law and Public Safety;

d. Compile and distribute, on a monthly basis, accident frequency reports to the Governor, the commissioner of each principal department of State Government, and the Legislature. These reports shall track each department's current accident rate compared to historical trends and shall include summaries of any protocols in place to reduce risk; and

e. Continue all of the previous functions and responsibilities of the Bureau of Risk Management, in addition to those listed in this section, and develop new strategies and programs, as appropriate.

C.52:18A-222 Risk Management Committee.

4. a. There is created a Risk Management Committee to monitor the State's risk management program as developed and coordinated by the division. The committee shall be comprised of the commissioner of each principal department in State Government, or his designee. The State Treasurer and the Commissioner of Banking and Insurance shall serve as co-chairpersons of the committee, and the director of the division shall serve as Executive Secretary. The committee shall meet at least once every three months to:

(1) review the accident frequency reports prepared by the division pursuant to subsection d. of section 3 of P.L.2007, c.56 (C.52:18A-221);

(2) review policy issues related to worker safety and capital repair issues and their relationship to workers' compensation claims;

(3) develop a program and schedule for risk management training of appropriate managers within the principal departments; and

(4) oversee the establishment and operation of the risk management committees of each of the principal departments.

b. Each commissioner shall, pursuant to his general rule-making authority within each respective department, direct the appropriate personnel to administer and enforce any programs or protocols developed by the committee.

C.52:18A-223 Rules, regulations.

5. The Director of the Division of Risk Management shall promulgate rules and regulations pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.) to effectuate the purposes of this act.

C.52:18A-224 Short title.

6. Sections 6 through 16 of P.L.2007, c.56 (C.52:18A-224 through C.52:18A-234) shall be known and may be cited as "The Office of Information Technology Reorganization Act."

C.52:18A-225 Findings, declarations relative to Office of Information Technology.

7. The Legislature finds and declares:

a. Since its inception, the Office of Information Technology (OIT) has served an integral role in providing essential State services, developing the State's technical infrastructure, and maintaining an efficient and transparent State government;

b. Beyond its core responsibilities of application development and maintenance, data center operations, and telecommunications, OIT provides invaluable data management, Internet development, and geographic information systems to departments and agencies within the Executive Branch of State Government;

c. From developing the Department of Human Services' computer-based disability insurance systems to maintaining criminal databases utilized by the State Police, and from designing the Motor Vehicle Commission's online services to assisting the Division of Taxation in collecting State revenues, OIT provides the critical resources to connect various layers of State Government and deliver services to State residents;

d. Despite its achievements, OIT has been restrained by a lack of accountability, control, and monitoring in planning, developing, and conducting department and agency information technology projects;

e. The lack of oversight has contributed to disorganization and economic inefficiencies, while also restricting growth, limiting innovation, and discouraging creative input within OIT;

f. In order to realize the office's potential, keep pace with technological advancements, and meet the needs of residents and businesses throughout the State, it is necessary to reinforce OIT's role with a new structure, leadership, and mission; and

g. Therefore, the State must take a proactive approach in coordinating and integrating information technology planning, budgeting, and spending throughout the Executive Branch to advance cost savings, improve the quality of services, and retain operating efficiencies.

C.52:18A-226 Definitions relative to Office of Information Technology.

8. As used in this act:

a. "Chair" means the chairperson of the New Jersey Information Technology Governing Board.

b. "Governing Board" means the New Jersey Information Technology Governing Board established by section 10 of P.L.2007, c.56 (C.52:18A-228).

c. "Office" means the Office of Information Technology established by section 9 of P.L.2007, c.56 (C.52:18A-227).

d. "Project Review Board" means the New Jersey Information Technology Project Review Board established by section 14 of P.L.2007, c.56 (C.52:18A-232).

C.52:18A-227 Office of Information Technology.

9. a. There is established an Office of Information Technology.

b. The office shall be established in the Executive Branch of State Government and to comply with the provisions of Article V, Section IV, paragraph 1 of the New Jersey Constitution, the office shall be allocated in but not of the Department of the Treasury. Notwithstanding this allocation, the office shall be independent of any supervision or control by the State Treasurer, or the department, or by any division, board, office, or other officer thereof.

c. The office shall be directed by the Chief Technology Officer, who shall report directly to the Governor.

d. The Chief Technology Officer shall submit requests for the budget of the office directly to the Governing Board which shall review the requests and upon approval forward them to the Division of Budget and Accounting in the Department of the Treasury.

e. Under the direction of the Chief Technology Officer, the office shall be responsible for:

(1) providing and maintaining the information technology infrastructure of the Executive Branch of State Government, including all ancillary departments and agencies of the Executive Branch of State Government; and

(2) providing staff support to the Governing Board at the request of the Chair.

f. The functions, powers, and duties granted to the office by Executive Order No. 84 of 1984, Executive Order No. 87 of 1998, and Executive Order No. 42 of 2006 shall be continued, and any function, power, or duty granted to the office by the Executive Orders that is inconsistent with the provisions of this act shall be rescinded.

C.52:18A-228 New Jersey Information Technology Governing Board.

10. a. There is established the New Jersey Information Technology Governing Board.

b. The Governing Board shall be comprised of nine members, including:

(1) the Chair, who shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor and shall possess the qualifications, training, and experience to perform the duties and fulfill the responsibilities of the position;

(2) the Chief Technology Officer;

(3) the State Treasurer, or a designee, who shall serve ex officio;

(4) three Executive Branch Commissioners, who shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor; and

(5) three public members, who shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

c. The Governing Board shall organize as soon as practicable, but no later than the 30th day after the appointment of a majority of its members. The Governing Board shall elect a vice-chair from among its members and appoint a secretary who need not be a member of the board.

d. Vacancies in the membership of the Governing Board shall be filled in the same manner as provided for in the original appointments.

e. The Governing Board shall meet quarterly or at more frequent intervals at the discretion of the Chair. The meetings of the board shall be held at the times and in the places the Chair deems necessary and appropriate to fulfill its duties and responsibilities.

f. The Office of Information Technology shall provide such stenographic, clerical, and other administrative assistants, and such professional staff, as the Governing Board requires to carry out its work. The board shall be entitled to call to its assistance, and avail itself of the services of, the employees of any State, county, or municipal department, board, bureau, commission, or agency as it may require and as may be available for its purposes.

g. The public members of the Governing Board shall serve without compensation for their services, but may be reimbursed for traveling and other miscellaneous expenses necessary to perform their duties, within the limits of the funds made available to the board for its purposes.

h. The public members appointed to the Governing Board shall be considered public officers, subject to the financial disclosure requirements of Executive Order No. 1 of 2006.

i. It shall be the duty and responsibility of the Governing Board to:

(1) define and establish the overall direction, standards, and priorities for the information technology community in the Executive Branch of State Government;

(2) review and approve the annual budget request of the Office of Information Technology;

(3) review and approve all requests from departments and agencies for new information technology spending, prior to submission to the Division of Budget and Accounting in the Department of the Treasury; and

(4) define the extent of large-scale information technology projects and establish a monetary threshold for information technology projects requiring the review and approval of the Project Review Board.

C.52:18A-229 Administration of Office of Information Technology; Chief Technology Officer.

11. a. The Office of Information Technology shall be administered by the Chief Technology Officer for the State of New Jersey. The Chief Technology Officer shall be

appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The Chief Technology Officer shall be qualified by education, training, and prior experience to direct the work of the office and to perform the duties, functions and responsibilities of the position.

b. The Chief Technology Officer shall serve during the term of the Governor appointing the officer and until a successor is appointed and has qualified.

c. The Chief Technology Officer shall devote full-time to the duties and responsibilities of the office and shall receive a salary as shall be provided pursuant to law.

d. A vacancy in the position of Chief Technology Officer shall be filled in the same manner as provided for in the original appointment.

C.52:18A-230 Authority of Chief Technology Officer.

12. The Chief Technology Officer shall be authorized to:

a. Establish the internal organizational structure of the Office of Information Technology in a manner appropriate to carrying out the duties and functions, and fulfilling the responsibilities, of the office;

b. Coordinate and conduct all information technology operations in the Executive Branch of State Government, including agency technology operations;

c. Draft and establish Service Level Agreements with each department and agency in the Executive Branch of State Government;

d. In consultation with the Governing Board, review and analyze the results of the Statewide Information Technology Assessment Study; and

e. Enter into agreements, in accordance and consistent with applicable law, regulations, and existing contracts, with private and public entities or individuals to effectuate the purposes of sections 6 through 16 of P.L.2007, c.56 (C.52:18A-224 through C.52:18A-234).

C.52:18A-231 Deputy Chief Technology Officers.

13. a. The Chief Technology Officer is authorized to appoint up to six Deputy Chief Technology Officers.

b. Each Deputy Chief Technology Officer shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Chief Technology Officer, and shall be responsible for information technology planning, coordination, budgeting, technical architecture, and management of large-scale information technology initiatives, in a single area of interest as determined by the Chair of the Governing Board and the Chief Technology Officer.

C.52:18A-232 New Jersey Information Technology Project Review Board.

14. a. There is established the New Jersey Information Technology Project Review Board.

b. The Project Review Board shall report directly to the Governing Board and shall be comprised of between three and five Executive Branch officials, selected by the Chair of the Governing Board with the approval of the Governor.

c. The Project Review Board shall be responsible for the review, approval, and monitoring of large-scale information technology projects in the Executive Branch of State Government.

d. The Project Review Board shall meet at the discretion of the Chair of the Governing Board, and shall convene meetings and hearings at the times and in the places as a majority of the members of the board shall decide.

e. The Office of Information Technology shall provide such stenographic, clerical, and other administrative assistants, and such professional staff, as the Project Review Board requires to carry out its work. The board shall be entitled to call to its assistance, and avail

itself of the services of, the employees of any State, county, or municipal department, board, bureau, commission, or agency as it may require and as may be available for its purposes.

C.52:18A-233 Reports to Governor, Legislature.

15. a. The Chief Technology Officer shall provide periodic reports to the Governor, and shall issue an annual report to the Governor and, pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), to the Legislature regarding the information technology operations of the Executive Branch of State Government and the activities of the Office of Information Technology.

b. The annual report shall be issued on or before September 30 of each year, and shall be made available to the public.

C.52:18A-234 Cooperation required.

16. All Executive Branch departments and State agencies are directed to cooperate fully with the Office of Information Technology, the Governing Board, and the Chief Technology Officer to implement the provisions of sections 6 through 16 of P.L.2007, c.56 (C.52:18A-224 through C.52:18A-234) and to ensure effective use of information technology within the Executive Branch of State Government.

17. Section 5 of P.L.2005, c.46 (C.5:12-100.2) is amended to read as follows:

C.5:12-100.2 Prompt notice of award of annuity jackpot; offset, lien for child support arrearages.

5. a. Each slot system operator that awards an annuity jackpot shall provide prompt notice to the commission of the name, address and social security number of each annuity jackpot winner and the amount of the pending payments. The commission shall forward such information to the Office of Information Technology in but not of the Department of the Treasury.

b. The Office of Information Technology shall cross check the annuity jackpot winner list with the data supplied by the Commissioner of Human Services pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.384 (C.5:9-13.2) for a social security number match. If a match is made, the Office of Information Technology shall notify the Commissioner of Human Services.

c. If an annuity jackpot winner is in arrears of a child support order, or is a former recipient of Aid to Families with Dependent Children or Work First New Jersey, food stamp benefits or low-income home energy assistance benefits who has incurred an overpayment which has not been repaid, the Probation Division of the Superior Court or the Department of Human Services, as appropriate, shall promptly notify the slot system operator of the name, address, social security number and amount due on an arrears child support order or the amount due on an overpayment. The slot system operator shall withhold this amount from the pending annuity jackpot payment and transmit same to the Probation Division of the Superior Court or the Department of Human Services, as appropriate, in accordance with regulations promulgated by the State Treasurer.

d. The Probation Division of the Superior Court, acting as agent for the child support payee or the county welfare agency that provided the public assistance benefits, as appropriate, shall have a lien on the proceeds of the annuity jackpot payment in an amount equal to the amount of child support arrearage or the amount of overpayment incurred, as appropriate. The lien imposed by this section shall be enforceable in the Superior Court. Any of the annuity jackpot winner's funds remaining after withholding pursuant to the lien

established pursuant to this section shall be paid to the winner in accordance with the rules of the commission.

e. The Commissioner of Human Services shall promulgate such regulations as may be necessary to effectuate the purposes of this section including, but not limited to, regulations providing for prompt notice to any annuity jackpot winner, from whose payments the Probation Division of the Superior Court or the Department of Human Services seeks to withhold funds, of the amount to be withheld and the reason therefor and providing the annuity jackpot winner with the opportunity for a hearing upon request prior to the disposition of any funds.

f. The State Treasurer shall also provide, by regulation, safeguards against the disclosure or inappropriate use of any personally identifiable information regarding any person obtained pursuant to this section.

g. For the purposes of this section, "prompt notice" shall mean notice within 14 days or less.

18. Section 1 of P.L.1989, c.3 (C.52:17C-1) is amended to read as follows:

C.52:17C-1 Definitions.

1. As used in this act:

a. "Automatic number identification (ANI)" means an enhanced 9-1-1 service capability that enables the automatic display of the callback number used to place a 9-1-1 call;

b. "Automatic location identification (ALI)" means an enhanced 9-1-1 service capability that enables the automatic display of information defining the geographical location of the telephone used to place a 9-1-1 call;

c. "Commission" means the 9-1-1 Commission;

d. "County 9-1-1 Coordinator" means the County 9-1-1 Coordinator appointed pursuant to section 5 of this act;

e. "Enhanced 9-1-1 network" means the switching equipment, trunk system, database operation and connections to the public safety answering point;

f. "Enhanced 9-1-1 network features" means those features of selective routing which have the capability of automatic number and location identification;

g. "Enhanced 9-1-1 service" means a service consisting of telephone network features and public safety answering points provided for users of the public telephone system enabling the users to reach a public service answering point by dialing the digits "9-1-1." The service directs 9-1-1 calls to appropriate public safety answering points by selective routing based on the location from which the call originated and provides for automatic number identification and automatic location identification features;

h. "Enhanced 9-1-1 termination equipment" means the equipment located at the public safety answering point which is needed to receive or record voice and data communications from the enhanced 9-1-1 network;

i. "Office" means the Office of Emergency Telecommunications Services established by section 3 of this act;

j. "Public safety agency" means a functional division of a municipality, a county, or the State which dispatches or provides law enforcement, fire fighting, emergency medical services, or other emergency services;

k. "Private safety agency" means any entity, except a municipality or a public safety agency, providing emergency medical services, fire fighting, or other emergency services;

l. "Public safety answering point (PSAP)" means a facility, operated on a 24-hour basis, assigned the responsibility of receiving 9-1-1 calls and, as appropriate, directly dispatching emergency response services or transferring or relaying emergency 9-1-1 calls to other public safety agencies. A public safety answering point is the first point of reception by a public safety agency of 9-1-1 calls and serves the jurisdictions in which it is located or other participating jurisdictions;

m. "Selective routing" means the method employed to direct 9-1-1 calls to the appropriate public safety answering point based on the location from which the call originated;

n. "Emergency enhanced 9-1-1 system" or "system" means the emergency enhanced 9-1-1 telephone system to be established pursuant to this act, including wireless enhanced 9-1-1 service;

o. "Telephone company" means the organization that provides switched local telephone exchange access service;

p. "Wireless telephone company" means any person providing commercial mobile radio service as defined in 47 U.S.C. s.332 (d);

q. "FCC wireless E9-1-1 requirements" means the order adopted in the Federal Communications Commission proceeding entitled "Revision of the Commission's Rules to Ensure Comparability with Enhanced 9-1-1 Emergency Calling Systems," (CC Docket No. 94-102: RM-8143), or any successor proceeding, and the rules adopted by the Federal Communications Commission in any such proceeding, as these rules may be amended from time to time;

r. "Wireless 9-1-1 service" means the service which enables wireless telephone company customers to dial the digits 9-1-1 and be connected to a public safety agency;

s. "Wireless enhanced 9-1-1 service" means the service required to be provided by a wireless telephone company pursuant to FCC wireless E9-1-1 requirements;

t. "Chief Technology Officer" means the person appointed by and serving at the pleasure of the Governor who is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Office of Information Technology;

u. "Governing Board" means the board established pursuant to section 10 of P.L.2007, c.56 (C.52:18A-228), to oversee the Office of Information Technology; and

v. "Office of Information Technology" means the Office of Information Technology in but not of the Department of the Treasury.

19. Section 2 of P.L.1989, c.3 (C.52:17C-2) is amended to read as follows:

C.52:17C-2 9-1-1 Commission.

2. a. There is created in the Office of Information Technology a commission to be known as the 9-1-1 Commission which shall oversee the office in the planning, design, and implementation of the Statewide emergency enhanced 9-1-1 telephone system to be established pursuant to this act. The commission shall consist of 30 members as follows: two members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate, who shall not be both of the same political party; two members of the General Assembly appointed by the Speaker of the General Assembly, who shall not be both of the same political party; the following members ex officio: Chief Technology Officer of the Office of Information Technology; President of the Board of Public Utilities; Superintendent of State Police; Deputy Director of the State Office of Emergency Management in the Department of Law and Public Safety; Director of the Bureau of Fire Safety in the Department of Community Affairs; Director of



Emergency Medical Services in the Department of Health and Senior Services; one member of the Governing Board of the Office of Information Technology in but not of the Department of the Treasury; the following public members appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate: a representative of the New Jersey State League of Municipalities; a representative of the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police; a representative of the Fire Fighters' Association of New Jersey; a representative of the New Jersey First Aid Council; a representative of the Associated Public Safety Communications Officers (APCO); a representative of Bell Atlantic-New Jersey; a representative of the independent telephone companies; two representatives of the wireless telephone companies; one representative of the National Emergency Number Association; two members representing county-wide dispatch centers; one representative of the Sheriffs Association of New Jersey; one representative of the New Jersey Fire Chiefs Association; one representative from the Certified Local Exchange Carriers; two members representing multi-municipal public safety dispatch centers who serve more than one, but less than five municipalities; and two members representing municipal public safety dispatch centers.

The members of the Senate and General Assembly appointed to the commission shall serve for terms which shall be for the term for which they were elected. Of the public members first appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate, seven shall be appointed for terms of three years, six shall be appointed for terms of two years, and six shall be appointed for terms of one year. Thereafter, the public members of the commission shall be appointed for terms of three years. Vacancies on the commission shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment but for the unexpired term. Members may be removed by the appointing authority for cause. The initial members shall be appointed within 30 days of the effective date of P.L.1999, c.125 (C.52:17C-3.1 et al.). The commission shall have the authority to establish subcommittees as it deems appropriate to carry out the purposes of this act.

The members of the Senate and General Assembly appointed to the commission shall be non-voting, advisory members, appointed solely for the purpose of developing and facilitating legislation to assist the commission in fulfilling its statutory mission, and may not exercise any of the executive powers delegated to the commission by law.

b. Members of the commission shall serve without compensation, but the legislative and public members shall be entitled to reimbursement for expenses incurred in performance of their duties, within the limits of any funds appropriated or otherwise made available for that purpose.

c. Each ex officio member may designate an employee of the member's department or agency to represent the member at meetings or hearings of the commission. All designees may lawfully vote and otherwise act on behalf of the members for whom they constitute the designees.

d. The 9-1-1 Commission shall be constituted upon the appointment of the majority of its authorized membership and shall have no expiration date.

20. Section 3 of P.L.1989, c.3 (C.52:17C-3) is amended to read as follows:

C.52:17C-3 Office of Emergency Telecommunications Services.

3. a. There is established in the Office of Information Technology an Office of Emergency Telecommunications Services.

b. The office shall be under the immediate supervision of a director, who shall be a person qualified by training and experience to direct the work of the office. The director

shall administer the provisions of this act subject to review by the Chief Technology Officer and shall perform other duties as may be provided by law. The director shall be appointed by the Chief Technology Officer, but the commission shall advise the Chief Technology Officer on the qualifications of the director. The Chief Technology Officer is authorized to appoint, in accordance with Title 11A of the New Jersey Statutes, clerical, technical, and professional assistants, and also may designate any available personnel as shall be necessary to effectuate the purposes of this act.

The office shall, subject to review by the commission and the Chief Technology Officer, only as provided in subsection c. of this section, and in consultation with the telephone companies, the Board of Public Utilities and the wireless telephone companies, and with the assistance of the Office of Information Technology in but not of the Department of the Treasury, continue to plan, design, implement, and coordinate the Statewide emergency enhanced 9-1-1 telephone system to be established pursuant to this act as well as any changes to that system needed to provide wireless enhanced 9-1-1 service.

To this end the office shall establish, after review and approval by the commission, a State plan for the emergency enhanced 9-1-1 system in this State, which plan shall include:

(1) The configuration of, and requirements for, the enhanced 9-1-1 network. The office with the approval of the commission and the Chief Technology Officer, only as provided herein, and assistance and advice of the Office of Information Technology in but not of the Department of the Treasury is empowered to enter into contracts with the telephone companies and the wireless telephone companies for the provision of this network.

(2) The role and responsibilities of the counties and municipalities of the State in the implementation of the system, consistent with the provisions of this act, including a timetable for implementation.

(3) Technical and operational standards for the establishment of public safety answering points (PSAPs) which utilize enhanced 9-1-1 network features in accordance with the provisions of this act. Those entities having responsibility for the creation and management of PSAPs shall conform to these standards in the design, implementation and operation of the PSAPs. These standards shall include provision for the training and certification of call-takers and public safety dispatchers or for the adoption of such a program.

The State plan shall be established within 270 days of the operative date of this act except that the technical and operational standards specified in paragraph (3) of this subsection shall be established within 180 days of the operative date of this act.

The office, after review and approval by the commission and the Chief Technology Officer, only as provided herein, may update and revise the State plan from time to time.

The office may inspect each PSAP to determine if it meets the requirements of this act and the technical and operational standards established pursuant to this section. The office shall explore ways to maximize the reliability of the system.

The plan or any portion of it may be implemented by the adoption of regulations pursuant to subsection b. of section 15 of this act.

The State plan shall require the consolidation of PSAPs as appropriate, consistent with revisions in the plan to upgrade the enhanced 9-1-1 system and shall condition the allocation of moneys dedicated for the operation of PSAPs on the merging and sharing of PSAP functions by municipalities, counties and the State Police, consistent with the revised plan. The Treasurer may establish, by regulation, a 9-1-1 call volume minimum that may be utilized as a factor in determining which PSAP functions are to be consolidated under the State plan.

The State plan shall limit the use of sworn law enforcement officers to provide dispatch services and the office shall condition the receipt of moneys dedicated for the operation of PSAPs on the limited use of sworn law enforcement officers, except for officers returning to active duty from an injury or other physical disability.

The office shall plan, implement and coordinate a Statewide public education program designed to generate public awareness at all levels of the emergency enhanced 9-1-1 system. Advertising and display of 9-1-1 shall be in accordance with standards established by the office. Advertising expenses may be defrayed from the moneys appropriated to the office.

The office, after review and approval by the commission and the Chief Technology Officer, only as provided herein, shall submit a report to the Senate Revenue, Finance and Appropriations Committee and the Assembly Appropriations Committee, or their successors, not later than February 15 of each year, concerning its progress in carrying out this act and the expenditure of moneys appropriated thereto and appropriated for the purposes of installation of the Statewide enhanced 9-1-1 network.

c. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.1999, c.125).

21. Section 7 of P.L.1989, c.3 (C.52:17C-7) is amended to read as follows:

C.52:17C-7 Public safety answering points.

7. No provision of this act shall be construed to prohibit in any manner the formation of multi-agency, multi-jurisdictional, regional or county-wide public safety answering points. The formation of public safety answering points that serve groups of municipalities is encouraged in the interest of reducing cost and increasing the efficiency of administration.

22. This act shall take effect on the first day of the fourth month after enactment.

Approved March 16, 2007.