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RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY--SCHOOL SAFETY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM

Introduced By: Representatives Mattiello, Shekarchi, Amore, McKiernan, and Diaz

Date Introduced: February 12, 2020

Referred To: House Health, Education & Welfare

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1   SECTION 1. Chapter 42-7.3 of the General Laws entitled "Department of Public Safety"

2 is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3   **42-7.3-4.1. Interoperable school safety emergency communication system.**

4   (a) The department of public safety shall procure, subject to appropriation, an interoperable

5 school safety emergency communications system that facilitates emergency response activities in

6 the state.

7   (b) The system shall operate in every public elementary and secondary school in the state

8 and shall do all of the following:

9   (1) Facilitate interoperable multimedia communications, including two-way radio, landline

10 and mobile telephone, intercom, public address, text messaging, file sharing and real-time, full

11 motion video sharing;

12   (2) Allow each participating entity to maintain discretionary, real-time control of all

13 communications assets owned and operated by the entity;

14   (3) Use broadband internet connectivity in a network agnostic manner via dedicated or

15 virtual connections; and

16   (4) Encrypt all media communications.

1   SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

EXPLANATION

BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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SAFETY--SCHOOL SAFETY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM

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2   an interoperable school safety emergency communications system that facilitates emergency

3   response activities in the state.

4   This act would take effect upon passage.

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