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Senate Bill 493 (as reported without amendment)

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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Emergency Telephone Service Enabling Act to do the following:

- -- Allow an emergency telephone district board, a 9-1-1 service district, or a county on behalf of a 9-1-1 service area, to enter into an agreement with a public agency to pledge revenues for the repayment of qualified obligations (i.e., bonds, notes, installment purchase contracts, or lease purchase agreements, issued by the public agency, whose proceeds benefitted the 9-1-1 district).
- -- Prohibit a public service agency (the division of a local unit providing fire fighting, law enforcement, or emergency services) from withdrawing from a 9-1-1 service district until outstanding qualified obligations were paid.
- -- Specify that user fees for 9-1-1 services could not exceed a particular percentage (2%, 4%, or 5%, depending on the fee) of either \$20 or the highest monthly rate charged by a supplier for basic local exchange service, whichever was less.

The bill is tie-barred to Senate Bill 492, which would require telephone service suppliers to provide accurate database information about service users; and to House Bills 4658 and 4659, which would allow commercial mobile radio service (CMRS) suppliers to collect a monthly service charge, create the CMRS Emergency Telephone Fund, and recreate the Emergency Telephone Service Committee.

MCL 484.1401 et al. Legislative Analyst: S. Lowe

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would make it easier for local governments to borrow funds to make capital improvements for their 9-1-1 service district.

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