

1 **** BILL NO. ****

2 INTRODUCED BY ****

3 BY REQUEST OF THE ****

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5 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR TRIBAL GOVERNMENT PARTICIPATION IN
6 THE 9-1-1 GRANT PROGRAM; AMENDING SECTION 10-4-306, MCA; PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE
7 EFFECTIVE DATE; PROVIDING A RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY DATE."

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9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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11 **Section 1.** Section 10-4-306, MCA, is amended to read:

12 **"10-4-306. 9-1-1 grants.** (1) The department shall, in consultation with the 9-1-1 advisory council
13 created pursuant to 10-4-105, award competitive grants annually using the account established pursuant to 10-
14 4-304(2)(b) for private telecommunications providers and for local and tribal government entities that host public
15 safety answering points. Beginning July 1, 2018, grants must be awarded to private telecommunications
16 providers, or to local or tribal government entities that host public safety answering points, or ~~both to all~~ in
17 accordance with this section and with rules adopted by the department in accordance with 10-4-108.

18 (2) In accordance with subsection (3), grants may be awarded to private telecommunications
19 providers and to local or tribal government entities that host public safety answering points for:

- 20 (a) emergency telecommunications systems plans;
21 (b) project feasibility studies or project plans;
22 (c) the implementation, operation, and maintenance of 9-1-1 systems, equipment, devices, and data;

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- 24 (d) the purchase of services that support 9-1-1 systems.

25 (3) In awarding grants, preference must be given to applications in the following order of priority:

26 (a) requests by private telecommunications providers or by local or tribal government entities that host
27 public safety answering points by working with a private telecommunications provider; and

- 28 (b) requests by local or tribal government entities that host public safety answering points.

(4) Nothing in this section prevents a local government entity that hosts a public safety answering point in accordance with this section from:

(a) providing grant money received by the local government entity to a private telecommunications provider for 9-1-1 purposes; or

(b) collaborating with another local or tribal government entity on a joint grant application."

NEW SECTION. Section 2. {standard} Effective date. [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

NEW SECTION. Section 3. Retroactive applicability. [This act] applies retroactively, within the meaning of 1-2-109, to grants awarded by the department on or after April 19, 2019.

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