

Proposed 2009 Session Legislation

Agency Name & No:	Administration 6101		
Priority Number:	009	Filename:	\\6101\07-009
Short Title:	Stranded 911 Funds		
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1. Purpose:
 Amend 10-4-301, MCA to eliminate stranded 9-1-1 program revenues in the state general fund, and redirect 3.74 percent of the proceeds from the general fund to the 9-1-1 state special revenue fund. This change would ensure that Montana jurisdictions are eligible for federal 9-1-1 grant programs.

2. Background:
 Recent federal legislation (Public Law 108-494) prohibits grants to jurisdictions that cannot certify that 100 percent of 9-1-1 revenues are dedicated to the program. Deposits to the state general fund have exceeded 9-1-1 program appropriations, leaving 9-1-1 funds stranded in the state general fund. Because of these stranded funds, no Montana jurisdiction can meet the federal certification test and are ineligible for federal grants. A recent performance audit of the 9-1-1 program (07P-12) recommended that the Legislature revise state law to ensure all 9-1-1 surcharge revenues are only used for 9-1-1 system development and operations.

3. Fiscal Impact by Fund Type: *This impact should be as specific as possible.*
 After a funding switch for the 9-1-1 program, the proposal will reduce general fund revenues by approximately \$540,000 per year. The \$540,000 would be distributed to local Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) assuming no increase in the appropriation for the 9-1-1 program.

4. Summary Checklist [Check & complete all that apply]--

<input type="checkbox"/> Housekeeping Only	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Federal Requirement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Audit Recommendation (Audit No.)	07P-12	<input type="checkbox"/> Major Legislation
<input type="checkbox"/> Anticipated to be Controversial Legislation	<input type="checkbox"/> Bill Draft has been included in Legislation Submittal (if available)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Supports Submitted EPP Item Number: []	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local Government Fiscal Impact			
<input type="checkbox"/> Increases FTE, or <input type="checkbox"/> Decreases FTE by	List FTE amount and program []			
<input type="checkbox"/> Increases Existing Revenue	<input type="radio"/> Tax	<input type="radio"/> Fee	<input type="radio"/> Penalty [amount in #3]	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Decreases Existing Revenue	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Tax	<input type="radio"/> Fee	<input type="radio"/> Penalty [amount in #3]	
<input type="checkbox"/> Establishes New Revenue	<input type="radio"/> Tax	<input type="radio"/> Fee	<input type="radio"/> Penalty [amount in #3]	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leg. has been Submitted in Previous Legislative Sessions (list priority no, LC no, or bill no):	HB33 incl. other subjects			
<input type="checkbox"/> Legislation would affect other state agencies (list):	[]			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Special Interest Groups Affected (list):	9-1-1 Advisory Council, MACo (proponents)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	[]			