



HOUSE BILL 1063: Fund VIPER Tower Hardware Upgrades.

2019-2020 General Assembly

Committee:	House Appropriations. If favorable, re-refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	Date:	May 27, 2020
Introduced by:		Prepared by:	Jacob A. Davis Staff Attorney
Analysis of:	PCS to First Edition H1063-CSMLa-17		

OVERVIEW: *This PCS differs from House Bill 1063 in that it changes certain whereas language into findings of the General Assembly, modifies the appropriations funding source from the General Fund to the Coronavirus Relief Reserve, and adds the same requirements to funds appropriated in this PCS that were present in the recent 2020 COVID-19 Recovery Act. In effect, this PCS allocates \$19,800,530 to the Department of Public Safety to be used for tower hardware upgrades to the Voice Interoperability Plan for Emergency Responders (VIPER) network.*

BILL ANALYSIS:

Section 1 conveys findings of the General Assembly which explain the necessity of upgrades to the VIPER network tower hardware to allow first responders to effectively respond to the public health emergencies caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Section 2 directs the State Controller to transfer \$19,800,530 in nonrecurring funds for the 2020-2021 fiscal year from the Coronavirus Relief Reserve to the Coronavirus Relief Fund.

Section 3 appropriates \$19,800,530 in nonrecurring funds for the 2020-2021 fiscal year from the Coronavirus Relief Fund to the Office of State Budget and Management (OSBM) and directs OSBM to allocate those funds to the Department of Public Safety to be used for VIPER tower hardware upgrades.

Section 4 adds the same requirements of Part I of S.L. 2020-4, the 2020 COVID-19 Recovery Act, to the funds appropriated in this act, including a requirement to report on how the funds are spent.

Section 5 sets the effective date of the bill to July 1, 2020.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2020.

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