

By: Senator(s) Hopson

To: Technology; Energy

SENATE BILL NO. 2330

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE
2 NEED FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR, AND EXPENDITURES OF, EMERGENCY
3 COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICTS IN MISSISSIPPI; TO REQUIRE REPORT OF ITS
4 FINDINGS BY A CERTAIN DATE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

6 **SECTION 1.** (1) The Legislature acknowledges that the need
7 for additional funding for emergency communications districts
8 exist and that this additional funding should be contingent on
9 having an accountability system in place to ensure that emergency
10 communications districts are expending existing 911 funds
11 efficiently.

12 (2) The Public Service Commission shall study the need for
13 additional funding for, and expenditures of, emergency
14 communications districts in Mississippi. The commission shall
15 consider best practice standards and provide options for improving
16 the efficiency, where applicable and feasible, of the emergency
17 communications districts, including, but not limited to, the
18 following:



19 (a) Where applicable, emergency communications
20 districts with more than one PSAP operation should consider
21 consolidating into one central PSAP operation;

22 (b) Where applicable, emergency communications
23 districts should consider consolidating with neighboring emergency
24 communications districts or entering into interlocal service
25 agreements;

26 (c) Where applicable, follow the National Emergency
27 Number Administration's PSAP staffing guidelines; and

28 (d) Any other efficiency and funding improvements to
29 the emergency communications districts as determined by the
30 commission.

31 (3) The Public Service Commission shall report its findings
32 with the Chairman of the Energy Committee in the Senate and the
33 Chairman of the Public Utilities Committee in the House of
34 Representatives before December 31, 2020.

35 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
36 and after July 1, 2020.

