

1 (4) two police chiefs, selected by the Vermont Police Chiefs
2 Association, one of whom utilizes a state-dispatch center and one of whom
3 utilizes an existing regional or local dispatch center;

4 (5) one emergency medical responder, selected by the Vermont EMS
5 Advisory Committee;

6 (6) one firefighter, selected by the Vermont State Firefighters
7 Association;

8 (7) one sheriff, selected by the Vermont Sheriffs Association; and

9 (8) one representative of the Enhanced 9-1-1 Board, selected by the
10 Board Chair.

11 (c) Powers and duties. The working group shall develop a proposal to
12 transition to a regional dispatch model ~~or, alternatively, a state-run dispatch~~
13 model. In developing the proposal, the working group shall:

14 (1) consider and document, for each town, how much is currently spent
15 on dispatch services in contrast to the projected costs under ~~both models a~~
16 **regional dispatch model**; which responder services have been provided for
17 that funding; and to whom payment has been made for these services; and

18 (2) identify a transitional timeline and the tasks to be completed within
19 that timeline for ~~both models transitioning to a regional dispatch model and~~
20 **recommend funding sources for the new model that resolve funding**

1 **inequities between those towns paying for services using local funds and**
2 **those towns receiving services funded by the State.**

3 (d) Report. On or before January 15, 2023, the working group shall submit
4 a report to the House and Senate Committees on Government Operations and
5 on Appropriations, the House Committee on Ways and Means, and the Senate
6 Committee on Finance. The report shall identify the working group’s
7 **recommended dispatch model and include supporting rationale**
8 **recommendations for implementing the new dispatch model, including a**
9 **recommendation for how transition funds should be spent and**
10 **recommendations for on-going funding for the new model. The report shall**
11 **also include the rationale for not recommending a different model.**

12 (e) Meetings.

13 (1) The Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety or designee
14 shall call the first meeting of the working group.

15 (2) The working group shall determine its chair from among the
16 members of the working group.

17 (3) A majority of the membership shall constitute a quorum.

18 (f) Assistance. The working group shall have the administrative, technical,
19 and legal assistance of the Department of Public Safety.

20 (g) Appropriation.

1 (1) If the General Assembly approves, through the enactment of
2 legislation, the working group’s recommendation, the \$11,000,000.00
3 appropriated and held in reserve for transition to a new dispatch model may be
4 released to the extent that it is needed for implementing the recommendation.
5 Any portion not needed to support the transition shall revert to the General
6 Fund.

7 (2) If the General Assembly does not approve the transition to a new
8 dispatch model through the enactment of legislation, the \$11,000,000.00 held
9 in reserve shall revert in its entirety to the General Fund, and the Department
10 of Public Safety shall continue to provide dispatch service to those local
11 agencies to which the Department is currently providing dispatch services.