

**ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2013**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB595**

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**Hearing Date:** Monday February 25, 2013  
**Committee On:** Transportation and Telecommunications  
**Introducer:** Price  
**One Liner:** Provide for a Public Service Commission study of next-generation 911

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

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**Vote Results:**

**Aye:** 8 Senators Brasch, Dubas, Hadley, Janssen, McCoy, Price, Watermeier, Smith  
**Nay:**  
**Absent:**  
**Present Not Voting:**

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**Proponents:**

Senator Scott Price  
Larry Lavelle  
Katie Zulkoski  
Eric Carstenson  
Beth Bazyn Ferrell

**Representing:**

Introducer  
Sarpy County  
Viaero Wireless  
Nebraska Telecommunications Association  
Nebraska Association of County Officials

**Opponents:**

**Neutral:**

Jerry Vap  
Mark Conrey

**Representing:**

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Public Service Commission  
Douglas County

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

LB595 gives the Public Service Commission authority to study Next-generation 911. The bill amends the Enhanced Wireless 911 Services Act to define Next-generation 911, to add Legislative findings that consideration of upgrades to emergency telephone communications is warranted, to authorize the Commission to conduct a study based on criteria, and to allow the use of the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund for the study.

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**Explanation of amendments:**

AM695 clarifies the authority of the Public Service Commission and criteria for the study.

Section by section description:

1. Adds an emergency clause.
2. Allows the Commission to contract with an independent third party instead of conducting the study themselves.
3. Clarifies the role of the Commission in the study. Creates deadlines for reports.
4. Creates additional reporting criteria.

The initial report shall include:

- a. Assessment of existing 911;
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- b. Examination of next-gen 911 in Nebraska and other states;
- c. Identification of authorities, agencies, and governing bodies necessary for implementation of next-gen 911; and
- d. Any other issues the commission deems necessary.

The final report shall include:

- a. The initial report;
  - b. Recommendations of options for planning, development, phased-in implementation, and management of next-gen 911 and the deployment, interconnection, and management of emergency services Internet protocol networks, including timelines and costs of implementation.
  - c. Identification of technical changes necessary.
  - d. Identification of equipment changes necessary.
  - e. Estimated cost and recommended sources of funding for the planning, implementation, and management of next-gen 911; and
  - f. Any other issues necessary.
5. Clarifies the use of the Fund.

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Annette Dubas, Chairperson