



Bill Draft 2017-MMz-124: VIPER - Survey/Outreach/In-kind Contributions.

2017-2018 General Assembly

Committee:	Date:	March 27, 2018
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OVERVIEW: *The draft directs the Department of Public Safety to conduct an annual survey of VIPER users, to increase outreach to stakeholders, and to determine the value of in-kind contributions supporting the VIPER system.*

BILL ANALYSIS:

SECTION 1 directs the Department of Public Safety (Department) to conduct an annual survey of local, State, and federal users of North Carolina's Voice Interoperability Plan for Emergency Responders (VIPER) in order to track and measure user satisfaction and feedback over time. The Department will submit its initial report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety (JPS Oversight Committee) on November 1, 2019, and annually thereafter.

SECTION 2 directs the Department to increase outreach to VIPER stakeholders and authorizes zone or regional meetings.

SECTION 3 directs the Department to determine the value of all in-kind contributions (cash, land, buildings, towers, and equipment) from whatever source made to support the VIPER system. The Department shall report its findings to the JPS Oversight Committee by July 1, 2019.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The draft is effective when it becomes law.

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BILL DRAFT 2017-MMz-124 [v.6] (03/23)

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Short Title: VIPER - Survey/Outreach/In-kind Contributions.

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Sponsors:

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO CONDUCT AN
3 ANNUAL SURVEY OF VIPER USERS, TO INCREASE OUTREACH TO
4 STAKEHOLDERS, AND TO DETERMINE THE VALUE OF IN-KIND
5 CONTRIBUTIONS SUPPORTING THE VIPER SYSTEM.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Public Safety (Department) shall conduct an
8 annual survey of local, State, and federal users of North Carolina's Voice Interoperability Plan
9 for Emergency Responders (VIPER) in order to track and measure user satisfaction and
10 feedback over time. Beginning November 1, 2019, and annually thereafter, the Department
11 shall report the survey results to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and
12 Public Safety.

13 **SECTION 2.** The Department shall increase outreach to VIPER stakeholders
14 beyond those that participate in the State Interoperability Executive Committee. The outreach
15 may include zone or regional meetings conducted by the State Highway Patrol with local chiefs
16 of police, sheriffs, fire chiefs, and representatives of emergency medical services.

17 **SECTION 3.** The Department shall determine the value of all in-kind contributions
18 made by units of local government, the federal government, and non-governmental entities to
19 support the VIPER system. As used in this section, an in-kind contribution includes cash, land,
20 buildings, towers, and equipment for VIPER sites. The Department shall report its findings to
21 the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety by July 1, 2019.

22 **SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law.



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BILL DRAFT 2017-MMza-125 [v.4]

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Short Title: Appropriate Funds for VIPER Build-out.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO UPGRADE VIPER BASE STATIONS AND TO
PURCHASE ASSOCIATED SOFTWARE UPDATES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Public Safety the sum of twenty million five hundred fifty thousand two hundred sixty-five dollars (\$20,555,265) in nonrecurring funds for the 2018-2019 fiscal year. Notwithstanding G.S. 143C-5-2, there is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Public Safety the sum of sixteen million five hundred thousand two hundred sixty-five dollars (\$16,500,265) in nonrecurring funds for the 2019-2020 fiscal year to be used to purchase VIPER base stations, base station upgrades, catch-up service upgrades, and security monitoring.

SECTION 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Public Safety the sum of two million two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$2,250,000) in recurring funds for the 2018-2019 fiscal year to be used to purchase VIPER service upgrade assurance updates.

SECTION 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 2018.



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