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SYNOPSIS:

Under existing law, an individual performing the duties of a public safety telecommunicator must be certified by the Statewide 911 Board. Individuals hired for such positions must be certified within 180 days.

This bill would provide that an individual serving as a public safety telecommunicator must be certified by the Statewide 911 Board only if required by the sheriff of the county or the chief of police of the local municipality, as applicable.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to public safety telecommunicators; to amend Section 11-98-16, Code of Alabama, 1975, to further provide for the certification requirements for public safety telecommunicators.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 11-98-16, Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:

"§11-98-16

~~On or after July 1, 2022, an~~An individual performing



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the duties of a public safety telecommunicator, as defined in Section 11-98-1, and employed by a primary PSAP receiving 911 calls, ~~shall~~ may be required by the sheriff of the county or chief of police of the municipality, as applicable, to be certified under rules established by the Statewide 911 Board. ~~Individuals hired on or after July 1, 2022, shall have 180 days to be enrolled in the certification process, but shall be allowed to perform the duties of a public safety telecommunicator without certification until the expiration of the 180-day period.~~ Any individual performing the duties of public safety telecommunicator for a primary PSAP receiving 911 calls on or before June 30, 2022, shall not be required to complete the coursework to be certified under rules established by the board."

Section 2. This act shall become effective on the first day of the third month following its passage and approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.