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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2017–18 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2910**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Wood**

February 16, 2018

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An act to add Section 910.8 of the Public Utilities Code, relating to telecommunications.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2910, as amended, Wood. Public Utilities Commission: telecommunications service: natural disasters: reports.

Under existing law, the Public Utilities Commission has regulatory authority over public utilities, including telephone corporations. Existing law requires the commission, in consultation with the Office of Emergency Services, to identify the need for telecommunications service systems not on customers' premises to have backup electricity to enable telecommunications networks to ~~function~~ *function*, and to enable customers to contact a public safety answering point operator during an electrical outage, to determine performance criteria for backup systems, and to determine whether specified best practices for backup systems have been implemented by telecommunications service providers operating in California. Existing law requires the commission to report various information to the Legislature.

This bill would require the commission to annually submit a report to the Legislature on telecommunications service providers' efforts, and resources used, to restore telecommunications service outages caused by, and to repair or replace related network infrastructure or

facilities that were damaged by, a natural disaster for which the Governor declared either a state of emergency or a local emergency in that reporting year, emergency, as specified. The bill would authorize the commission to require telecommunications service providers to collect and forward to the commission any relevant information for these purposes.

Under existing law, a violation of any provision of the Public Utilities Act or of any of the rules or orders issued under the act is a crime.

Because the provisions of this bill are within the act and require action by the commission to implement its requirements, a violation of which would be a crime, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: yes.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 910.8 is added to the Public Utilities
- 2 Code, to read:
- 3 910.8. (a) For purposes of this section, “telecommunications
- 4 service” has the same meaning as defined in Section 2892.1.
- 5 (b) The commission shall annually submit a report to the
- 6 Legislature on telecommunications service providers’ efforts, and
- 7 resources used, to restore telecommunications service outages
- 8 caused by, and to repair or replace related network infrastructure
- 9 or facilities that were damaged by, a natural disaster for which the
- 10 Governor declared either a state of emergency or a local
- 11 emergency, as described in Section 8558 of the Government Code,
- 12 in that reporting year.
- 13 (c) The report shall include all of the following:
- 14 (1) The extent of any damage to telecommunications network
- 15 infrastructure or facilities caused by a natural ~~disaster~~. *disaster,*
- 16 *including the type of facility and infrastructure damaged.*
- 17 (2) The number of people in California who experienced a
- 18 telecommunications service outage caused by a natural disaster.

1 (3) The duration of each telecommunications service outage  
2 caused by a natural disaster.

3 (4) Any specific data on 911 emergency system outages caused  
4 by a natural disaster.

5 (5) The types of infrastructure or facilities used to restore  
6 telecommunications service outages caused by, or to repair or  
7 replace related network infrastructure or facilities damaged by, a  
8 natural disaster.

9 (6) The long-term plans for fully restoring any  
10 telecommunications service outages or repairing or replacing any  
11 related network infrastructure or facilities necessitated by a natural  
12 disaster, including specifically identifying areas where wireless  
13 facilities would replace wireline facilities.

14 (d) The commission shall provide this report as part of its annual  
15 report published pursuant to Section 910 and by posting it in a  
16 conspicuous area of its Internet Web site.

17 (e) For purposes of this section, the commission may require a  
18 telecommunications service provider to collect and forward to the  
19 commission any relevant information.

20 SEC. 2. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to  
21 Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because  
22 the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school  
23 district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or  
24 infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty  
25 for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of  
26 the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within  
27 the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California  
28 Constitution.

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