

SUBPART XVI-B. DIVISION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT**VIPER IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS/USER SURVEY/INCREASE OUTREACH**

SECTION 16B.1.(a) The Department of Public Safety (Department) shall determine the value of all in-kind contributions made by units of local government, the federal government, and nongovernmental entities to support the North Carolina Voice Interoperability Plan for Emergency Responders (VIPER) system. As used in this subsection, an in-kind contribution includes cash, land, buildings, towers, and equipment for VIPER sites. The Department shall report its findings to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety by July 1, 2019.

SECTION 16B.1.(b) The Department shall increase outreach to VIPER stakeholders beyond those that participate in the State Interoperability Executive Committee. The outreach may include zone or regional meetings conducted by the State Highway Patrol with local chiefs of police, sheriffs, fire chiefs, and representatives of emergency medical services.

SECTION 16B.1.(c) The Department shall conduct an annual survey of local, State, and federal users of VIPER in order to track and measure user satisfaction and feedback over time. Beginning November 1, 2019, and annually thereafter, the Department shall report the survey results to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety. This subsection expires July 1, 2025.

VIPER BUILD-OUT/SUPPORT

SECTION 16B.2. Notwithstanding G.S. 148-10.4, for fiscal year 2018-2019, the sum of sixteen million five hundred thousand dollars (\$16,500,000) nonrecurring shall be transferred from Budget Code 24550, Fund Code 2325, to Budget Code 14550, Fund Code 1414, to be used to upgrade and support North Carolina's Voice Interoperability Plan for Emergency Responders (VIPER) and to be allocated as follows:

- (1) Eight million seven hundred thousand dollars (\$8,700,000) for GTR base station hardware upgrades.
- (2) Five million dollars (\$5,000,000) for Service Upgrade Assurance catch-up.
- (3) One million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) for long-term contract for Service Upgrade Assurance.
- (4) One million three hundred thousand dollars (\$1,300,000) for MOSCAD security monitoring.

ENSURE ENFORCEMENT OF TOBACCO LAWS/PREVENTION OF SALES TO YOUTH

SECTION 16B.3.(a) G.S. 143B-928 reads as rewritten:

"§ 143B-928. Alcohol Law Enforcement Branch to remain separate and discrete component of the State Bureau of Investigation; retention of funds; youth access to tobacco products.

...

(d) The Alcohol Law Enforcement branch has jurisdiction and primary responsibility to enforce G.S. 14-313 regarding youth access to tobacco products."

SECTION 16B.3.(b) G.S. 18B-500(b) reads as rewritten:

"(b) Subject Matter Jurisdiction. – After taking the oath prescribed for a peace officer, an alcohol law-enforcement agent shall have authority to arrest and take other investigatory and enforcement actions for any criminal offense. The primary responsibility of an agent shall be enforcement of the ABC and lottery laws, laws and G.S. 14-313 regarding youth access to tobacco products."

SECTION 16B.3.(c) This section becomes effective July 1, 2018, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.