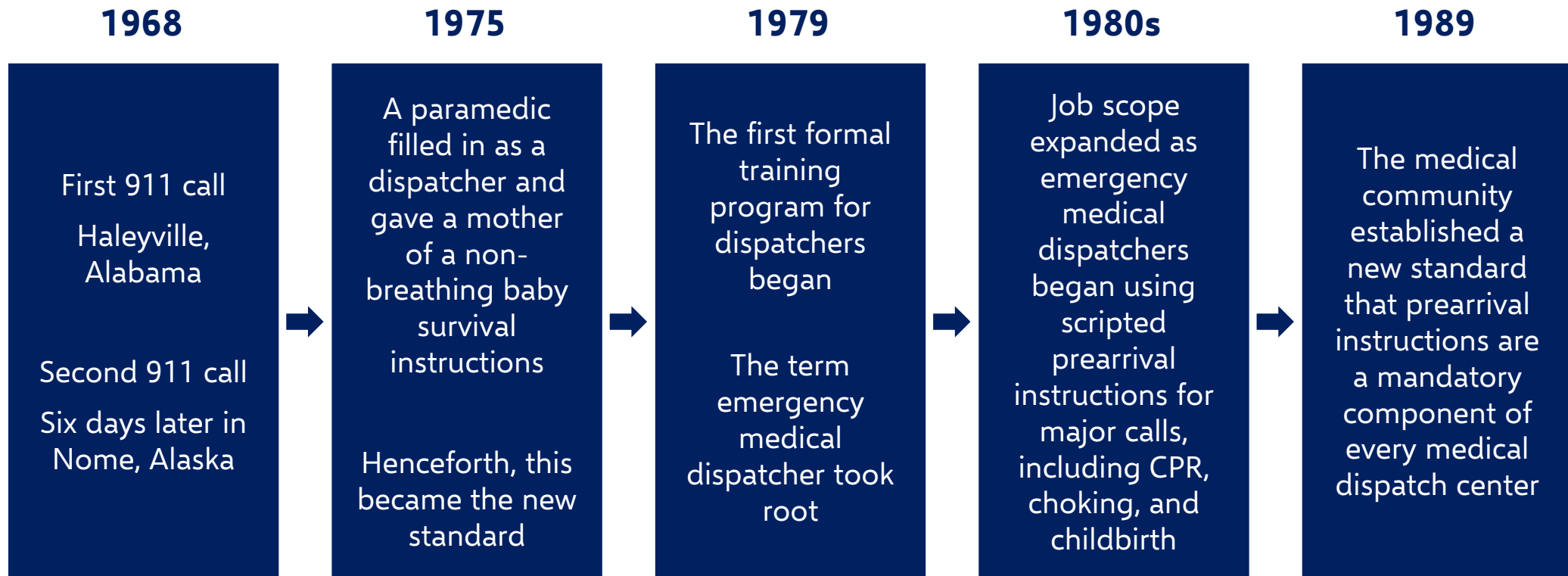


HB 234

Representative Hall

History of Emergency Dispatchers



What HB 234 Does

Adds language in statute defining emergency medical dispatcher as first responders trained as public safety telecommunicators.

In reference to PERS, adds emergency medical dispatchers under the definition of “peace officers” or “firefighters” to include them with their first responder colleagues.

Sets the effective date to July 1, 2026

PERS DB Plan Tier III

PERS DB Plan Tier III	PERS DB Plan Tier III Fire/Police
All others contribute 6.75%	Police/fire contribute 7.5%
After vesting, retirement is 60, and early retirement is 55. All others can retire at any age after 30 years of service.	Police/Fire can retire at any age after 20 years of service.
Benefit calculation determined on the average high 5 consecutive years' salary.	Benefit calculation for Police/Fire is average high 3 consecutive years' salary.

PERS DCR Plan Tier IV

PERS DCR Plan Tier IV	PERS DCR Plan Tier IV Fire/Police
All contribute 8%	All contribute 8%
No retirement qualifications for accessing investment account. Taxes and penalties may apply if withdrawn before 59.5 years old	Police/Fire exempt from early withdrawal penalties IF they retire/separate at age 50 OR have at least 25 years of service.
Access to medical coverage is Medicare-eligible age (65) with 10 years of service or 30 years of service, must retire directly from plan.	Access to medical coverage at any age for Police/Fire with 25 years of service.