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FOR

HOUSE BILL NO. 3859

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[ Oklahoma Department of Transportation,  
Telecommunications Division - personnel - rules and  
regulations - feasibility study - consultant -  
focus of study - Division timeline - report -  
codification - effective date. ]

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 9301 of Title 74, unless there  
is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. There is hereby created a Telecommunications Division within  
the Oklahoma Department of Transportation.

B. The Director of the Oklahoma Department of Transportation  
shall assign qualified personnel to staff and manage the  
Telecommunications Division.

1 C. The Oklahoma Department of Transportation shall promulgate  
2 rules and regulations to implement the creation of the Division and  
3 to carry out the duties described in section 2 of this act.

4 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
5 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 9302 of Title 74, unless there  
6 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

7 A. The Telecommunications Division shall initiate a feasibility  
8 study to assess the creation of a statewide interoperable radio  
9 network and facilitate access for state agencies, counties,  
10 municipalities, tribal governments, and schools.

11 B. The Division shall issue a request for proposal to hire a  
12 consultant to conduct the feasibility study. The Request for  
13 Proposal shall outline the objectives, scope, and requirements of  
14 the study.

15 C. The feasibility study shall focus on evaluating the  
16 technical and logistical aspects of enabling access to state-funded  
17 radio towers and the creation of a statewide interoperable radio  
18 network system to enhance public safety communications.

19 D. The Division shall develop and implement a timeline for the  
20 feasibility study and subsequent actions.

21 E. By July 1, 2025, the Division shall provide a report on the  
22 progress of the feasibility study and recommendations to the  
23 Oklahoma Senate and the Oklahoma House of Representatives.  
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SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2024.

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