

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION
FOR ENGROSSED

SENATE BILL NO. 966

By: Coleman and Hamilton of the
Senate

and

Ford of the House

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

An Act relating to statewide radio systems; amending 62 O.S. 2021, Section 35.6.2, which relates to the Land Mobile Radio Public Safety Interoperability Cooperative; requiring certain plan creation and transmission; adding references to the Statewide Radio Strategic Plan and the Statewide Interoperable Radio Communications Governance Body; creating the Statewide Interoperable Radio Communications Governance Body; creating membership; directing the election of the chairperson; creating the Statewide Public Safety Interoperable Radio Communications System Revolving Fund; updating statutory language; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 62 O.S. 2021, Section 35.6.2, is amended to read as follows:

Section 35.6.2. A. In order to comply with Executive Orders and federal and state statutory and regulatory requirements related

1 to interoperable public safety communications and to support the
2 critical mission and purposes of the agencies within the Oklahoma
3 Safety and Security Cabinet, the Transportation Cabinet and the
4 Finance, Administration and Information Technology Cabinet, there is
5 hereby established the Land Mobile Radio Public Safety
6 Interoperability Cooperative. The ~~Land Mobile Radio Public Safety~~
7 ~~Interoperability~~ Cooperative shall be governed by a committee
8 initially consisting of the Secretary of Finance, Administration and
9 Information Technology or designee, the Secretary of Transportation
10 or designee and the Secretary of Safety and Security or designee.
11 The Cooperative is established to focus on unifying, stabilizing and
12 enhancing the infrastructure and capabilities for land mobile radio
13 public safety system communications for the State of Oklahoma and
14 shall include representatives of other public radio system boards or
15 committees along with future voting or non-voting public entity
16 members as deemed appropriate, nominated and agreed to by vote of
17 the committee members defined in this paragraph.

18 B. 1. In establishing and operating the ~~Land Mobile Radio~~
19 ~~Public Safety Interoperability~~ Cooperative, the committee shall
20 collaborate with other public agencies, public entities and other
21 interested parties having public safety radio communications
22 requirements and resources.

23 2. The Cooperative shall establish an appropriate governance
24 model for determining priorities, leveraging state-owned or other

1 shared services and infrastructure, identifying existing and new
2 resources and directing new investments to facilitate reliable,
3 statewide and fully operational public safety radio communications
4 to serve the purposes described.

5 3. In support of the requirements of the Oklahoma Homeland
6 Security Act, the Oklahoma Information Services Act and the
7 Information Technology Consolidation and Coordination Act, the
8 Cooperative shall have the following duties:

- 9 a. enable cost savings to the State of Oklahoma through
10 unification and enhancement of current land mobile
11 radio public safety systems,
- 12 b. sustain existing interoperability of land mobile
13 public safety radio systems,
- 14 c. recommend standards and protocols for land mobile
15 radio public safety systems,
- 16 d. recommend standards to become P25 compliant and other
17 common radio interoperability standards, and
- 18 e. establish service metrics to ensure reliable land
19 mobile public safety services statewide in support of
20 state, local and first responders.

21 C. Actions, decisions and operation of the ~~Land Mobile Radio~~
22 ~~Public Safety Interoperability~~ Cooperative shall be performed in
23 compliance with, in support of and secondary to all statutory
24 duties, requirements, responsibilities and authority provided to the

1 Office of Management and Enterprise Services and the Oklahoma Office
2 of Homeland Security; however, the resources and mechanisms
3 available to Cooperative members by ownership or through agreement
4 may be collectively utilized to carry out the provisions of this
5 statute.

6 D. The Cooperative shall create a Statewide Radio Strategic
7 Plan for leveraging existing assets and evolving the technology
8 platform on which the Statewide Interoperable Radio Communications
9 System is based and electronically transmit a copy of the Plan to
10 the respective offices of the Speaker of the House of
11 Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the
12 Governor of this state within ninety (90) days of the effective date
13 of this act. The Cooperative shall implement the Plan in
14 collaboration with all state agencies, political subdivision
15 entities, and other interested parties that maintain a public radio
16 system in this state. The Statewide Interoperable Radio
17 Communications Governance Body, created in Section 2 of this act,
18 shall facilitate the interoperability of the radio system of this
19 state.

20 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
21 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 35.6.3 of Title 62, unless there
22 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:
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1 A. There is hereby created the Statewide Interoperable Radio
2 Communications Governance Body. The governance body shall be
3 comprised of the following five (5) voting members:

4 1. The Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety, or
5 designee;

6 2. The Director of the Department of Transportation, or
7 designee;

8 3. The Director of Forestry Services, or designee;

9 4. The Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management Authority Coordinator, or
10 designee; and

11 5. The Statewide Interoperability Coordinator, or designee.

12 B. In addition to the five (5) voting members as designated in
13 subsection A of this section, there shall be one communication
14 representative for each of the state's five (5) Regional Mutual Aid
15 (RMA) regions. The regional representatives shall be in an advisory
16 capacity and shall not be voting members.

17 C. The governance body shall elect from amongst the five (5)
18 voting members and the five (5) nonvoting members a chairperson who
19 shall call the first meeting no later than sixty (60) days after the
20 effective date of this act. Subsequent meetings shall be at a
21 minimum, quarterly. The chairperson shall have the authority to
22 call meetings as frequently as necessary to facilitate the
23 objectives of the body.

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1 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 35.6.4 of Title 62, unless there
3 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4 There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund
5 to be designated the "Statewide Public Safety Interoperable Radio
6 Communications System Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a
7 continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall
8 consist of all monies designated for deposit to the fund. All
9 monies accruing to the credit of the fund are hereby appropriated
10 and may be budgeted and expended by the Office of Management and
11 Enterprise Services for the purpose of awarding grants by and
12 through the Land Mobile Radio Public Safety Interoperability
13 Cooperative for the purpose of implementing and maintaining a
14 statewide interoperable radio communications system, pursuant to
15 directives provided in Section 35.6.2 of Title 62 of the Oklahoma
16 Statutes.

17 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.

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