

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 2nd Session of the 59th Legislature (2024)

4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
5 FOR
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 3859

By: Ford of the House

and

7 **Gollihare** of the Senate

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 E. By July 1, 2025, the Division shall provide a report on the
2 progress of the feasibility study and recommendations to the
3 Oklahoma Senate and the Oklahoma House of Representatives.

4 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2024.
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6 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND BUDGET, dated
7 02/29/2024 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.
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