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February 16, 2023

SENATE BILL NO. 966

By: Coleman of the Senate

and

Ford of the House

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 to interoperable public safety communications and to support the critical mission and purposes of the agencies within the Oklahoma Safety and Security Cabinet, the Transportation Cabinet and the

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

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

20 2. The Cooperative shall establish an appropriate governance
21 model for determining priorities, leveraging state-owned or other
22 shared services and infrastructure, identifying existing and new
23 resources and directing new investments to facilitate reliable,
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1 statewide and fully operational public safety radio communications
2 to serve the purposes described.

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

7 a. enable cost savings to the State of Oklahoma through
8 unification and enhancement of current land mobile
9 radio public safety systems,

10 b. sustain existing interoperability of land mobile
11 public safety radio systems,

12 c. recommend standards and protocols for land mobile
13 radio public safety systems,

14 d. recommend standards to become P25 compliant and other
15 common radio interoperability standards, and

16 e. establish service metrics to ensure reliable land
17 mobile public safety services statewide in support of
18 state, local and first responders.

19 C. Actions, decisions and operation of the ~~Land Mobile Radio~~
20 ~~Public Safety Interoperability~~ Cooperative shall be performed in
21 compliance with, in support of and secondary to all statutory
22 duties, requirements, responsibilities and authority provided to the
23 Office of Management and Enterprise Services and the Oklahoma Office
24 of Homeland Security; however, the resources and mechanisms

1 available to Cooperative members by ownership or through agreement
2 may be collectively utilized to carry out the provisions of this
3 statute.

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

18 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
19 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 35.6.3 of Title 62, unless there
20 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

21 A. There is hereby created the Statewide Interoperable Radio
22 Communications Governance Body. The governance body shall be
23 comprised of the following five (5) voting members:

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

3 2. The Director of the Department of Transportation, or
4 designee;

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

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

8 5. The Statewide Inoperability Coordinator, or designee.

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

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

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

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

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

15 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY
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