

**BILL SUMMARY**  
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**Research Analysis**

The proposed committee substitute to HB 3859 creates the Telecommunications Division within the Oklahoma Department of Transportation. The purpose of the telecommunications division is to initiate a feasibility study that would assess the creation of a statewide interoperable radio network for state agencies, local governments, tribal governments, and schools to enhance public safety communications. The study should evaluate the technical and logistical aspects of enabling access to state-funded radio towers and an interoperable radio network system. The telecommunications division must submit a progress report to the Senate and the House of Representatives by July 1, 2025.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

The proposed committee substitute to HB 3859 creates a Telecommunication Division within the Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT). This Division would be responsible for conducting a feasibility study to assess the creation of a statewide interoperable radio network. Per ODOT, the cost of conducting this study is approximately Two Hundred Fifty Thousand dollars (\$250,000.00).

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**Other Considerations**

None.