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2	STATE OF OKLAHOMA
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22	BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:
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HB2710 HFLR BOLD FACE denotes Committee Amendments.

1 | SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified

2 | in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2890 of Title 63, unless there

3 | is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Oklahoma

5 | Emergency Communications Act".

6 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified

in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2891 of Title 63, unless there

is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

As used in the Oklahoma Emergency Communications Act:

- 1. "Authority" means the Oklahoma Emergency Communications
 Authority created in Section 3 of this act;
- 2. "Executive Coordinator" means the Executive Coordinator of
 the Oklahoma Emergency Communications Office created in Section 5 of
 this act:
 - 3. "FCC" means the Federal Communications Commission;
 - 4. "Joint Executive Board for Emergency Communications" means a joint board comprised of the board membership of the Oklahoma Emergency Communications Authority and the Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management Authority created in Section 7 of this act;
 - 5. "Office" means the Oklahoma Emergency Communications Office; and
- 22 6. "Revolving fund" means the Oklahoma Emergency Communications
 23 Authority Revolving Fund created in Section 6 of this act.

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- SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2892 of Title 63, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:
 - A. There is hereby created the Oklahoma Emergency

 Communications Authority which shall be the governing board

 providing oversight, development, and regulation of state emergency

 communications systems.
 - B. The Authority shall be composed of the following fourteen (14) members:
 - 1. Two members representing the Oklahoma Department of Public Safety, to be appointed by the Commissioner of Public Safety;
 - 2. One member representing the Oklahoma Department of Transportation, to be appointed by the Secretary of Transportation;
 - 3. One member representing forestry and state fire response, to be appointed by the Commissioner of Agriculture;
- 4. One member representing the Office of Management and
 Enterprise Services, to be appointed by the Chief Information
 Officer;
 - 5. One member representing the State Department of Health, to be appointed by the State Commissioner of Health;
- 21 6. One member representing a statewide organization dedicated 22 to representing municipal law enforcement, to be appointed by the 23 President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate;

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- 7. One member representing a statewide organization dedicated to representing county law enforcement, to be appointed by the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives;
- 8. One member representing a statewide organization dedicated to representing fire service, to be appointed by the Governor;
- 9. One member representing a statewide organization dedicated to representing Oklahoma municipalities, to be appointed by the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives;
- 10. One member representing a statewide organization representing Oklahoma county commissioners, to be appointed by the Governor;
- 11. One member representing a statewide organization representing radio communications, to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate;
- 12. One member representing a statewide organization representing emergency medical services, to be appointed by the Governor; and
- 13. One member representing a city or county that owns radio infrastructure and allows state users to utilize the system for day-to-day operations, to be appointed by the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives.
- C. Members may be removed for cause. Members shall serve at the pleasure of their appointing authority and vacancies shall be filled by the original appointing authority. Each Authority member

- 1 | shall be reaffirmed every two (2) years from the date of 2 | appointment.
 - D. Members shall receive no compensation for serving on the Authority.
 - E. Seven members of the Authority shall constitute a quorum, and the vote of the majority of members present shall be necessary for any action to be taken by the Authority.
 - F. The Authority shall employ an Executive Coordinator pursuant to its role in the Joint Executive Board for Emergency

 Communications as required by Section 7 of this act.
 - G. The Authority shall be subject to the Oklahoma Open Records
 Act and the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.
 - SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2893 of Title 63, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:
 - The powers and duties of the Oklahoma Emergency Communications
 Authority created in Section 3 of this act shall be to:
- 18 1. Approve or disapprove the selection of the Oklahoma

 19 Emergency Communications Office Deputy Coordinator by majority vote

 20 of the members. The Deputy Coordinator shall be an employee of the

 21 Executive Coordinator of the Oklahoma Emergency Communications

 22 Office;

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- 2. Promulgate rules as necessary to implement the provisions of the Oklahoma Emergency Communications Act and for the governance and operation of the Oklahoma Emergency Communications Office;
- 3. Prepare grant solicitations for funding for the purposes of assisting public agencies in joining a state-owned shared radio system. This includes both infrastructure and radio subscribers;
- 4. Oversee the annual budget for the Oklahoma Emergency
 Communications Office, which shall be approved by majority vote of
 the members;
- 5. Hold contracts necessary to administer and maintain emergency radio systems owned by the State of Oklahoma;
- 6. Work in conjunction with the Department of Public Safety and Oklahoma Department of Transportation to move all funding, contracts, and personnel related to the state-owned radio infrastructure, including communication tower infrastructure, to the Oklahoma Emergency Communications Office within two (2) years of the effective date of this act;
- 7. Establish comprehensive user training for the state-owned emergency radio systems;
- 8. Establish a strategic plan for the state emergency radio systems to ensure optimal operability and interoperability for all public safety responders in the state;
- 9. Provide guidance to public agencies regarding emergency radio communications;

- 1 10. Facilitate information-sharing among public agencies;
- 2 11. Create and maintain best practices databases for emergency 3 radio operations;
- 12. Facilitate the creation of policies and procedures between state and local public agencies related to emergency radio communications;
- 7 13. Encourage equipment and technology sharing among all 8 jurisdictions;
- 9 14. Facilitate data operability and interoperability between 10 public safety systems;
- 15. Provide oversight of the programming of the systems and 12 radios, including any software or keys necessary to operate on the 13 state radio systems;
 - 16. Recommend standards to become compliant with Project 25 and other common radio interoperability standards; and
- 17. Enable cost savings to the State of Oklahoma through
 unification and enhancement of current land mobile radio public
 safety systems.
- SECTION 5. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2894 of Title 63, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:
- There is hereby created the Oklahoma Emergency Communications
 Office. The Oklahoma Emergency Communications Office shall:

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- 1. Carry out the duties and responsibilities delegated to it by the Oklahoma Emergency Communications Authority;
- 2. Manage, maintain, and seek funding for expansion of all radio communications systems owned by the State of Oklahoma;
- 3. Create and maintain, no less than biannually, strategic plans for radio communications for both state and local emergency services. The plans shall include details pertaining to the state-owned radio systems, integration between state systems, and efficiencies implemented. The plan shall also include both state and local public safety agencies that are served, underserved, and unserved by state-owned infrastructure;
- 4. Implement policies as needed to provide communications operability and interoperability for local and state users;
- 5. Be authorized to seek, apply for, and administer funding through grant opportunities. The Office is authorized to administer grant funding awards to recipients and subrecipients;
- 6. Ensure that all communications and radio technology, programming, and maintenance meet Federal Communications Commission (FCC) rules and regulations;
 - 7. Maintain Geographic Information System (GIS) data:
 - a. required for the various radio systems used by local agencies, and
 - b. necessary to carry out the mission of the Oklahoma
 Emergency Communications Authority;

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- 8. Provide resources to assist local municipal or counties emergency services in the procurement of radio infrastructure to ensure FCC regulations are maintained. This includes providing assistance to such emergency services for increasing or adding to state-owned infrastructure to allow for operability needs;
- 9. Provide strategic planning and seek funding to ensure radio tower infrastructure meets FCC rules; and
- 10. Provide training necessary to ensure local and state users of public safety systems can provide emergency assistance efficiently in order to mitigate the loss of life and property.
- SECTION 6. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2895 of Title 63, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund for the Oklahoma Emergency Communications Authority to be designated the "Oklahoma Emergency Communications Authority Revolving Fund".

The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of all monies received from state appropriations. All monies accruing to the credit of the fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the Oklahoma Emergency Communications Office, upon approval by the Oklahoma Emergency Communications Authority, for the purpose of supporting the administration of the Oklahoma Emergency Communications Act.

Expenditures from the fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the

State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by law with the
Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services for
approval and payment.

- SECTION 7. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2896 of Title 63, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:
- A. There is hereby created the Joint Executive Board for Emergency Communications. The Board shall consist of five (5) members of the Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management Authority including the chair and vice-chair and three other members of the Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management Authority, chosen by the membership of the Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management Authority. In addition, the Board shall consist of five (5) members of the Oklahoma Emergency Communications Authority, chosen by the membership of the Oklahoma Emergency Communications Authority.
- B. The Board shall have the power and duty to employ, evaluate, and maintain an Executive Coordinator under the Authority who shall oversee the operations of the Oklahoma 9-1-1 Office and the Oklahoma Emergency Communications Office. The Executive Coordinator shall serve as the Executive Coordinator of both Offices and shall be responsible for implementing the policies and directives of the respective Authorities. The Board shall establish guidelines for the evaluation and performance review of the Executive Coordinator.

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- The Board shall have the authority to remove or replace the Executive Coordinator at its discretion, without cause.
 - C. The salary of the Executive Coordinator shall be equally funded by both the Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management Authority and the Oklahoma Emergency Communications Authority.
 - D. The Board shall meet biannually and at such other times as necessary to fulfill its duties. A majority of the Board members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.
 - SECTION 8. AMENDATORY 62 O.S. 2021, Section 34.11.1, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 193, O.S.L. 2024 (62 O.S. Supp. 2024, Section 34.11.1), is amended to read as follows:

Section 34.11.1. A. There is hereby created the position of Chief Information Officer who shall be appointed by the Governor. The Chief Information Officer, in addition to having authority over the Information Services Division of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services, shall also serve as Secretary of Information Technology and Telecommunications or successor cabinet position and shall have jurisdictional areas of responsibility related to information technology and telecommunications systems of all state agencies as provided for in state law. The salary of the Chief Information Officer shall not be less than One Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$130,000.00) or more than One Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$160,000.00).

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- B. Any person appointed to the position of Chief Information
 Officer shall meet the following eligibility requirements:
 - A baccalaureate degree in Computer Information Systems,
 Information Systems or Technology Management, Business
 Administration, Finance, or other similar degree;
 - 2. A minimum of ten (10) years of professional experience with responsibilities for management and support of information systems and information technology, including seven (7) years of direct management of a major information technology operation;
 - 3. Familiarity with local and wide-area wide area network design, implementation, and operation;
 - 4. Experience with data and voice convergence service offerings;
 - 5. Experience in developing technology budgets;
 - 6. Experience in developing requests for proposal and administering the bid process;
 - 7. Experience managing professional staff, teams, and consultants;
 - 8. Knowledge of telecommunications operations;
 - 9. Ability to develop and set strategic direction for information technology and telecommunications and to manage daily development and operations functions;
- 23 10. An effective communicator who is able to build consensus;

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- 11. Ability to analyze and resolve complex issues, both logical and interpersonal;
- 12. Effective verbal and written communications skills and effective presentation skills, geared toward coordination and education;
 - 13. Ability to negotiate and defuse conflict; and

- 14. A self-motivator, independent, cooperative, flexible and creative.
 - C. The salary and any other expenses for the Chief Information Officer shall be budgeted as a separate line item through the Office of Management and Enterprise Services. The operating expenses of the Information Services Division shall be set by the Chief Information Officer and shall be budgeted as a separate line item through the Office of Management and Enterprise Services. The Office of Management and Enterprise Services shall provide adequate office space, equipment and support necessary to enable the Chief Information Officer to carry out the information technology and telecommunications duties and responsibilities of the Chief Information Officer and the Information Services Division.
 - D. 1. Within twelve (12) months of appointment, the first Chief Information Officer shall complete an assessment, which shall be modified annually pursuant to Section 35.5 of this title, of the implementation of the transfer, coordination, and modernization of all information technology and telecommunication systems of all

1 state agencies in the state as provided for in the Oklahoma Information Services Act. The assessment shall include the information technology and telecommunications systems of all 3 4 institutions within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education, 5 the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and the 6 telecommunications network known as OneNet as assembled and 7 submitted by the Oklahoma Higher Education Chief Information Officer, as designated by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher 8 Education.

- 2. Within twelve (12) months of appointment, the first Chief Information Officer shall issue a report setting out a plan of action which will include the following:
 - a. define the shared service model organization structure and the reporting relationship of the recommended organization,
 - b. the implementation of an information technology and telecommunications shared services model that defines the statewide infrastructure environment needed by most state agencies that is not specific to individual agencies and the shared applications that are utilized across multiple agencies,
 - c. define the services that shall be in the shared services model under the control of the Information

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- Services Division of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services,
- d. define the roadmap to implement the proposed shared services model. The roadmap shall include recommendations on the transfer, coordination, and modernization of all information technology and telecommunication systems of all the state agencies in the state,
- e. recommendations on the reallocation of information technology and telecommunication resources and personnel,
- f. a cost_benefit analysis to support the recommendations on the reallocation of information technology and telecommunication resources and personnel,
- g. a calculation of the net savings realized through the reallocation and consolidation of information technology and telecommunication resources and personnel after compensating for the cost of contracting with a private consultant as authorized in paragraph 4 of this subsection, implementing the plan of action, and ongoing costs of the Information Services Division of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services, and

- 1 h. the information required in subsection B of Section 2 35.5 of this title.
 - 3. The plan of action report shall be presented to the Governor, Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives, and the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate.
 - 4. The Chief Information Officer may contract with a private consultant or consultants to assist in the assessment and development of the plan of action report as required in this subsection.
 - E. The Chief Information Officer shall be authorized to employ personnel, fix the duties and compensation of the personnel, not otherwise prescribed by law, and otherwise direct the work of the personnel in performing the <u>function</u> and accomplishing the purposes of the Information Services Division of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services.
 - F. The Information Services Division of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services shall be responsible for the following duties:
 - 1. Formulate and implement the information technology strategy for all state agencies;
 - 2. Define, design, and implement a shared services statewide infrastructure and application environment for information technology and telecommunications for all state agencies;

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- 3. Direct the development and operation of a scalable telecommunications infrastructure that supports data and voice communications reliability, integrity, and security;
- 4. Supervise the applications development process for those applications that are utilized across multiple agencies;
- 5. Provide direction for the professional development of information technology staff of state agencies and oversee the professional development of the staff of the Information Services Division of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services;
- 6. Evaluate all technology and telecommunication investment choices for all state agencies;
- 7. Create a plan to ensure alignment of current systems, tools, and processes with the strategic information technology plan for all state agencies;
- 8. Set direction and provide oversight for the support and continuous upgrading of the current information technology and telecommunication infrastructure in the state in support of enhanced reliability, user service levels, and security;
- 9. Direct the development, implementation, and management of appropriate standards, policies and procedures to ensure the success of state information technology and telecommunication initiatives;
- 10. Recruit, hire and transfer the required technical staff in the Information Services Division of the Office of Management and

Enterprise Services to support the services provided by the Division and the execution of the strategic information technology plan;

- 11. Establish, maintain, and enforce information technology and telecommunication standards;
- 12. Delegate, coordinate, and review all work to ensure quality and efficient operation of the Information Services Division of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services;
- 13. Create and implement a communication plan that disseminates pertinent information to state agencies on standards, policies, procedures, service levels, project status, and other important information to customers of the Information Services Division of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services and provide for agency feedback and performance evaluation by customers of the Division;
- 14. Develop and implement training programs for state agencies using the shared services of the Information Services Division of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services and recommend training programs to state agencies on information technology and telecommunication systems, products and procedures;
- 15. Provide counseling, performance evaluation, training, motivation, discipline, and assign duties for employees of the Information Services Division of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services;
- 16. For all state agencies, approve the purchasing of all information technology and telecommunication services and approve

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the purchase of any information technology and telecommunication product except the following:

- a. a purchase less than or equal to Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) if such product is purchased using a state purchase card and the product is listed on either the Approved Hardware or Approved Software list located on the Office of Management and Enterprise Services website, or
- b. a purchase over Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) and less than or equal to Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) if such product is purchased using a state purchase card, the product is listed on an information technology or telecommunications statewide contract, and the product is listed on either the Approved Hardware or Approved Software list located on the Office of Management and Enterprise Services website;
- 17. Develop and enforce an overall infrastructure architecture strategy and associated roadmaps for desktop, network, server, storage, and statewide management systems for state agencies;
- 18. Effectively manage the design, implementation and support of complex, highly available infrastructure to ensure optimal performance, on-time delivery of features, and new products, and scalable growth;

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- 19. Define and implement a governance model for requesting services and monitoring service level metrics for all shared services; and
- 20. Create the budget for the Information Services Division of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services to be submitted to the Legislature each year.
- G. The State Governmental Technology Applications Review Board shall provide ongoing oversight of the implementation of the plan of action required in subsection D of this section. Any proposed amendments to the plan of action shall be approved by the Board prior to adoption.
- H. 1. The Chief Information Officer shall act as the Information Technology and Telecommunications Purchasing Director for all state agencies and shall be responsible for the procurement of all information technology and telecommunication software, hardware, equipment, peripheral devices, maintenance, consulting services, high technology systems, and other related information technology, data processing, telecommunication and related peripherals and services for all state agencies. The Chief Information Officer shall establish, implement, and enforce policies and procedures for the procurement of information technology and telecommunication software, hardware, equipment, peripheral devices, maintenance, consulting services, high technology systems, and other related information technology, data processing, telecommunication

- and related peripherals and services by purchase, lease-purchase,
 lease with option to purchase, lease and rental for all state
 agencies. The procurement policies and procedures established by
 the Chief Information Officer shall be consistent with The the
 Oklahoma Central Purchasing Act.
 - 2. The Chief Information Officer, or any employee or agent of the Chief Information Officer acting within the scope of delegated authority, shall have the same power and authority regarding the procurement of all information technology and telecommunication products and services as outlined in paragraph 1 of this subsection for all state agencies as the State Purchasing Director has for all acquisitions used or consumed by state agencies as established in The the Oklahoma Central Purchasing Act. Such authority shall, consistent with the authority granted to the State Purchasing Director pursuant to Section 85.10 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes, include the power to designate financial or proprietary information submitted by a bidder confidential and reject all requests to disclose the information so designated, if the Chief Information Officer requires the bidder to submit the financial or proprietary information with a bid, proposal, or quotation.
 - 3. The Chief Information Officer or any employee or agent,
 pursuant to paragraph 2 of this subsection, shall seek guidance and
 recommendations from the Oklahoma Emergency Communications Office

- Executive Coordinator for all purchases related to public safety communications.
- 4. When available, state-owned fiber shall be used to support the Oklahoma Emergency Communications Office's duties and responsibilities.
- 6 The Information Services Division of the Office of Τ. 7 Management and Enterprise Services and the Chief Information Officer shall be subject to the Oklahoma Central Purchasing Act for the 8 9 approval and purchase of all equipment, products, and services and 10 shall also be subject to the requirements of the Public Competitive 11 Bidding Act of 1974, the Oklahoma Lighting Energy Conservation Act 12 and the Public Building Construction and Planning Act. The Chief 1.3 Information Officer shall be authorized to delegate all or some of 14 the procurement of information technology and telecommunication 15 products and services and construction of facilities and 16 telecommunication networks to another state entity if the Chief 17 Information Officer determines it to be cost-effective and in the 18 best interest of the state. The Chief Information Officer shall 19 have authority to designate information technology and 20 telecommunication contracts as statewide contracts and mandatory 21 statewide contracts pursuant to Section 85.5 of Title 74 of the 22 Oklahoma Statutes and to negotiate consolidation contracts, 23 enterprise agreements and high technology systems contracts. 24 contract entered into by a state agency for which the Chief

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- Information Officer has not acted as the Information Technology and
 Telecommunications Purchasing Director, as required in this
 subsection or subsection H of this section, shall be deemed to be
 unenforceable and the Office of Management and Enterprise Services
 shall not process any claim associated with the provisions thereof.
 - J. The Chief Information Officer shall establish, implement, and enforce policies and procedure procedures for the development and procurement of an interoperable radio communications system for state agencies. The Chief Information Officer shall work with local governmental entities in developing the interoperable radio communications system.
 - K. The Chief Information Officer shall develop and implement a plan to utilize open source technology and products for the information technology and telecommunication systems of all state agencies.
 - L. All state agencies and authorities of this state and all officers and employees of those entities shall work and cooperate with and lend assistance to the Chief Information Officer and the Information Services Division of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services and provide any and all information requested by the Chief Information Officer.
 - M. The Chief Information Officer shall prepare an annual report detailing the ongoing net <u>saving</u> <u>savings</u> attributable to the reallocation and consolidation of information technology and

- telecommunication resources and personnel and shall submit the
 report to the Governor, the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of
 Representatives, and the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State
 Senate.
 - N. For purposes of the Oklahoma Information Services Act, unless otherwise provided for, "state agencies" shall include any office, officer, bureau, board, commission, counsel, unit, division, body, authority or institution of the executive branch of state government, whether elected or appointed; provided, except with respect to the provisions of subsection D of this section, the term "state agencies" shall not include institutions within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education, the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and the telecommunications network known as OneNet.
 - O. As used in this section:

- "High technology system" means advanced technological equipment, software, communication lines, and services for the processing, storing, and retrieval of information by a state agency;
- 2. "Consolidation contract" means a contract for several state or public agencies for the purpose of purchasing information technology and telecommunication goods and services; and
- 3. "Enterprise agreement" means an agreement for information technology or telecommunication goods and services with a supplier who manufactures, develops and designs products and provides services that are used by one or more state agencies.

1 SECTION 9. AMENDATORY 62 O.S. 2021, Section 34.20, is 2 amended to read as follows: Section 34.20. In addition to the powers and duties as defined 3 4 elsewhere in this title, the Information Services Division of the 5 Office of Management and Enterprise Services shall: 6 1. Coordinate statewide planning and approve statewide 7 contracts for communication and telecommunications needs of state agencies, including, but not limited to, voice, data, radio 8 9 including the interoperable radio communications system for state 10 agencies, video, broadband, Wi-Fi or wireless networking, Global 11 Positioning Systems (GPS), Internet, eGovernment, as referenced in 12 Sections 34.24 and 34.25 of this title, and facsimile transmissions 1.3 through analysis of the telecommunications and information 14 technology plan of each agency; 15 In coordination with the Oklahoma Emergency Communications 16 Office of Homeland Security, establish minimum mandatory standards 17 and protocols for: 18 communication networks and equipment, 19 b. wide area and local area systems, 20 integration of equipment, systems and joint usage, C. 2.1 d. Internet and eGovernment,

operating systems or methods to be used to meet

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- f. rendering of aid between state government and its
 political subdivisions with respect to organizing of
 communications systems, and
 - g. an economical and cost-effective utilization of communication services.

The standards and protocols shall be compatible with the standards and protocols established for the Oklahoma Government Telecommunications Network;

- 3. Serve as a focal point for all statewide projects and approve all statewide contracts for state agencies involving current communications vendors where the focus of such authority can substantially enhance the state communications plan or the savings which can be achieved thereunder;
- 4. Provide, when requested by political subdivisions of the state, for the organizing of communications or telecommunications systems and service between the state and its political subdivisions and enter into agreements to effect the purposes of this section;
- 5. Cooperate with any federal, state or local emergency management agency in providing for emergency communications and telecommunication services;
- 6. Apply for, receive, and hold, or assist agencies in applying for, receiving or holding, such authorizations, licenses and allocations of channels and frequencies to carry out the purposes of this section;

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- 7. Accomplish such other purposes as may be necessary or incidental to the administration of its authority or functions pursuant to law; and
- 8. Provide support for telecommunication networks of state agencies through analysis of the telecommunications needs and requirements of each agency and promotion of the use of the Oklahoma Government Telecommunications Network.
- 8 SECTION 10. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 2862, as
 9 last amended by Section 146, Chapter 452, O.S.L. 2024 (63 O.S. Supp.
 10 2024, Section 2862), is amended to read as follows:
- Section 2862. As used in the Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management
 Authority Act:
 - 1. "Area served" means the geographic area which shall be served by the 9-1-1 emergency telephone service provided by the governing body of a county, municipality, part of a county or combination of such governing bodies;
 - 2. "Authority" means the Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management Authority created in Section 2863 of this title;
 - 3. "Emergency telephone service" means any telephone system utilizing a three-digit number, nine-one-one (9-1-1), for reporting an emergency to the appropriate public agency providing law enforcement, fire, medical or other emergency services, including ancillary communications systems and personnel necessary to pass the

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- reported emergency to the appropriate emergency service and personnel;
 - 4. "Emergency telephone fee" means a fee to finance the operation of emergency telephone service;
- 5. "Oklahoma 9-1-1 Executive Coordinator" means the Executive Coordinator of the Authority;
- 6. "Governing body" means the board of county commissioners of a county, the city council, tribal authority or other governing body of a municipality, or a combination of such boards, councils or other municipal governing bodies including county or municipal beneficiary public trusts, or other public trusts which shall have an administering board;
- 6. 7. "Landline telecommunications connection" means a tendigit access number assigned to a customer that utilizes analog communications over a wired transmission line that travels underground or on telephone poles;
- 7. 8. "Local exchange telephone company" means any company providing exchange telephone services to any service user in this state, and shall include any competitive local exchange carrier as defined in Section 139.102 of Title 17 of the Oklahoma Statutes;
 - 8. 9. "Next-generation 9-1-1" or "NG9-1-1" means an:
 - a. IP-based system comprised of hardware, software, data, and operational policies and procedures that:

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1	(1)	provides standardized interfaces from emergency
2		call and message services to support emergency
3		communications,
4	(2)	processes all types of emergency calls, including
5		voice, text, data and multimedia information,
6	(3)	acquires and integrates additional emergency call
7		data useful to call routing and handling,
8	(4)	delivers the emergency calls, messages and data
9		to the appropriate public safety answering point
10		and other appropriate emergency entities,
11	(5)	supports data or video communications needs for
12		coordinated incident response and management, and
13	(6)	provides broadband service to public safety
14		answering points or other first responder
15		entities, or
16	b. IP-b	ased system comprised of hardware, software, data
17	and	operational policies and procedures that conforms
18	with	subsequent amendments made to the definition of
19	Next	Generation 9-1-1 services in Public Law 112-96;
20	9. <u>10.</u> "9-1-1	emergency telephone service" means any telephone
21	system whereby tel	ephone subscribers may utilize a three-digit
22	number (9-1-1) for	reporting an emergency to the appropriate public
23	agency providing l	aw enforcement, fire, medical or other emergency
24	services, includin	g ancillary communications systems and personnel

necessary to pass the reported emergency to the appropriate
emergency service and which the wireless service provider is
required to provide pursuant to the Federal Communications
Commission Order 94-102 (961 Federal Register 40348);

10. 11. "9-1-1 wireless telephone fee" means the fee important to the appropriate and the service provider is

10. 11. "9-1-1 wireless telephone fee" means the fee imposed in Section 2865 of this title to finance the installation and operation of emergency 9-1-1 services and any necessary equipment;

11. 12. "Person" means any service user, including, but not limited to, any individual, firm, partnership, co-partnership, joint venture, association, cooperative organization, private corporation, whether organized for profit or not, fraternal organization, nonprofit organization, estate, trust, business or common law trust, receiver, assignee for the benefit of creditors, trustee or trustee in bankruptcy, the United States of America, the state, any political subdivision of the state, or any federal or state agency, department, commission, board or bureau;

12. 13. "Place of primary use" means the street address representative of where the use of the mobile telecommunications service of the customer primarily occurs, which shall be the residential street address or the primary business street address of the customer and shall be within the licensed service area of the home service provider in accordance with Section 55001 of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes and the federal Mobile Telecommunications

Sourcing Act, P.L. No. 106-252, codified at 4 U.S.C. 116-126,

Sections 116 through 126;

- 13. 14. "Prepaid wireless telecommunications service" means a telecommunications wireless service that provides the right to utilize mobile wireless service as well as other telecommunications services including the download of digital products delivered electronically, content and ancillary services, which are paid for in advance and sold in predetermined units or dollars of which the number declines with use in a known amount;
- 14. 15. "Proprietary information" means wireless service provider or VoIP service provider, subscriber, market share, cost and review information;
- 15. 16. "Public agency" means any city, town, county, municipal corporation, public district, public trust, substate planning district, public authority or tribal authority located within this state which provides or has authority to provide firefighting, law enforcement, ambulance, emergency medical or other emergency services;
- 16. 17. "Public safety answering point" or "PSAP" means an entity responsible for receiving 9-1-1 calls and processing those calls according to specific operational policy;
- 17. 18. "Public safety telecommunicator" means a person who performs a public service by processing, analyzing, and dispatching calls for emergency assistance. The person is a first responder

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that provides pre-arrival instructions and has specialized training to mitigate the loss of life and property;

18. 19. "Service user" means any person who is provided exchange telephone service in this state;

19. 20. "Tariff rate" means the rate or rates billed by a local exchange telephone company stated in tariffs applicable for such company, as approved by the Oklahoma Corporation Commission, or the current equivalent of such rates, which represent the recurring charges of such local exchange telephone company for exchange telephone service or its equivalent, exclusive of all taxes, fees, licenses or similar charges whatsoever;

20. 21. "Wireless service provider" means a provider of commercial mobile service under Section 332(d) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, 47 U.S.C., Section 151 et seq., Federal Communications Commission rules, and the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993, Pub. L. No. 103-66, and includes a provider of wireless two-way communication service, radio-telephone communications related to cellular telephone service, network radio access lines or the equivalent, and personal communication service. The term does not include a provider of:

- a. a service whose users do not have access to 9-1-1 service,
- b. a communication channel used only for data transmission, or

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1 c. a wireless roaming service or other nonlocal radio 2 access line service; "Wireless telecommunications connection" means the ten-3 21. 22. 4 digit access number assigned to a customer regardless of whether 5 more than one such number is aggregated for the purpose of billing a service user; and 6 7 22. 23. "Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) provider" means a provider of interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol service to 8 9 end users in the state, including resellers. 10 SECTION 11. 63 O.S. 2021, Section 2864, as AMENDATORY last amended by Section 7, Chapter 258, O.S.L. 2023 (63 O.S. Supp. 11 2024, Section 2864), is amended to read as follows: 12 1.3 Section 2864. The powers and duties of the Oklahoma 9-1-1 14 Management Authority created in Section 2863 of this title shall be 15 to: 16 Employ an Oklahoma 9-1-1 Executive Coordinator pursuant to 17 its role in the Joint Executive Board for Emergency Communications 18 as required by Section 7 of this act; 19 2. Approve or disapprove the selection of the Oklahoma 9-1-1 20 Coordinator Deputy Coordinator by majority vote of the members. The

Authority shall direct the Oklahoma 9-1-1 Coordinator to administer

grants approved by the Authority pursuant to this section and

perform other duties as it deems necessary to accomplish the

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1 requirements of the Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management Authority Act Deputy Coordinator shall be an employee of the Executive Coordinator; 2. 3. Prepare grant solicitations for funding for the purposes 3 4 of assisting public agencies with funding for consolidation of 5 facilities or services, deployment of Phase II technology or successor technology, development of next-generation 9-1-1 regional 6 7 emergency service networks, and for other purposes it deems appropriate and necessary; 8 9 3. 4. Work in conjunction with the Oklahoma Department of 10 Emergency Management and Homeland Security to create an annual 11 budget for the Authority, which shall be approved by majority vote 12 of the members; 1.3 4. 5. Direct the Oklahoma Tax Commission to escrow all or any 14 portion of funds collected pursuant to the Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management 15 Authority Act attributable to a public agency, if the public agency 16 fails to: 17 submit or comply with master plans to deliver Next a. 18 Generation next-generation 9-1-1 (NG9-1-1) services as 19 required by the Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management Authority 20 Act and approved by the Authority. Local plans must

align with the State's Master state's master plan to

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ten percent (10%) to be derived by dividing the

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response area by the total land area of the state, and

- (2) ninety percent (90%) to be derived by dividing the population of each public agency's response area by the total population of the state using data from the latest available Census estimates as of July 1 of each year;
- 6. 7. Assist any public agency the Authority determines is performing below NENA standards, as limited by paragraph 4 5 of this section, according to the improvement plan required by the Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management Authority Act. The Authority shall establish a time period for the public agency to come into compliance, after which the Authority shall escrow funds as authorized in this section. Improvement plans may include consideration and recommendations for consolidation with other public agencies, and sharing equipment and technology with other jurisdictions;
- 7. 8. Require an annual report from public agencies regarding operations and financing of the public safety answering point (PSAP)

 PSAP and approve, modify or reject such reports;
- 8. 9. Conduct and review audits and financial records of the wireless service providers and review public agencies' audits and financial records regarding the collection, remittance and expenditures of 9-1-1 wireless telephone fees as required by the Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management Authority Act;

1 9. 10. Develop a master plan to deploy next-generation 9-1-1 2 NG9-1-1 services statewide. This will include the development of performance criteria critical to the function and performance of 3 4 NG9-1-1 networks and systems; 5 10. Establish rules for interoperability between state, regional and local NG9-1-1 systems; 6 7 11. 12. Facilitate information-sharing among public agencies; 12. 13. Create and maintain best practices databases for PSAP 8 9 operations; 10 13. 14. Encourage equipment- and technology-sharing among all jurisdictions; 11 12 14. 15. Develop training program standards for public safety 13 telecommunicators for call-taking. Training program standards shall 14 include instruction on recognizing the need for and delivery of 15 High-Quality Telecommunicator CPR (T-CPR) that can be delivered by 16 9-1-1 public safety telecommunicators for acute events requiring CPR 17 including, but not limited to, out-of-hospital cardiac events 18 (OHCA); 19 15. 16. Mediate disputes between public agencies and other 20 entities involved in providing 9-1-1 emergency telephone services; 21 16. 17. Provide a clearinghouse of contact information for 22 communications service companies and PSAPs operating in this state; 23 17. 18. Make recommendations for consolidation upon the request 24 of public agencies;

18. 19. Establish contracts for the necessary equipment and services to deliver 9-1-1 calls to the public safety answering points PSAPs;

 $\frac{19.\ 20.}{21.}$ Establish an eligible use list for 9-1-1 funds; and $\frac{20.\ 21.}{21.}$ Take any steps necessary to carry out the duties required by the Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management Authority Act.

SECTION 12. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 2865, as amended by Section 8, Chapter 258, O.S.L. 2023 (63 O.S. Supp. 2024, Section 2865), is amended to read as follows:

Section 2865. A. There shall be imposed a 9-1-1 telephone fee as follows:

- 1. One Dollar and twenty-five cents (\$1.25) monthly on each wireless telephone connection and other wireless communication device or service connection with the ability to dial 9-1-1 for emergency calls;
- 2. One Dollar and twenty-five cents (\$1.25) monthly on each service with the ability to dial 9-1-1 for emergency calls, including landline; and
- 3. One Dollar and twenty-five cents (\$1.25) on each prepaid wireless retail transaction occurring in this state.
- B. 1. For purposes of paragraph 3 of subsection A of this section, a retail transaction that is effected in person by a consumer at a business location of the seller shall be treated as occurring in this state if that business location is in this state.

- Any other retail transaction shall be sourced as provided in paragraphs 2 through 5 of this subsection as applicable.
 - 2. When the retail transaction does not occur at a business location of the seller, the retail transaction shall be sourced to the location where receipt by the consumer, or the consumer's donee, designated as such by the consumer, occurs, including the location indicated by instructions for delivery to the consumer or donee, known to the seller.
 - 3. When the provisions of paragraph 2 of this subsection do not apply, the sale shall be sourced to the location indicated by an address for the consumer that is available from the business records of the seller that are maintained in the ordinary course of the seller's business when use of this address does not constitute bad faith.
 - 4. When the provisions of paragraphs 2 and 3 of this subsection do not apply, the sale shall be sourced to the location indicated by an address for the consumer obtained during the consummation of the sale, including the address of a consumer's payment instrument, if no other address is available, when use of this address does not constitute bad faith.
 - 5. When none of the previous rules of paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 4 of this subsection apply, including the circumstance in which the seller is without sufficient information to apply the previous rules, then the location shall be determined by the address from

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which the service was provided, disregarding for these purposes any location that merely provided the digital transfer of the product sold. If the seller knows the mobile telephone number, the location will be that which is associated with the mobile telephone number.

- C. From each one-dollar-and-twenty-five-cent fee assessed and collected pursuant to subsection A of this section, twenty-two cents (\$0.22) shall be deposited into the Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management Authority Revolving Fund created pursuant to Section 2869 of this title. Funds accumulating in this revolving fund shall be used to fund the salary of the Oklahoma 9-1-1 Executive Coordinator and any administrative staff, operations of the Authority and any costs associated with the administration of the Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management Authority Act within the Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, and for grants approved by the Authority for purposes as authorized in the Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management Authority Act.
- SECTION 13. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2021, Section 51.1a, as last amended by Section 2, Chapter 257, O.S.L. 2024 (74 O.S. Supp. 2024, Section 51.1a), is amended to read as follows:
 - Section 51.1a. A. In addition to the powers and duties as defined elsewhere in statute, the Oklahoma Emergency Communications

 Office of Homeland Security has the duty and responsibility for interoperable public safety communications planning within this

- 1 state. As part of this duty, the Oklahoma Emergency Communications
 2 Office of Homeland Security shall:
 - 1. Annually develop and electronically report to the Governor,

 President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate, and Speaker of

 the Oklahoma House of Representatives, the Statewide Communications

 Interoperability Plan;
 - 2. Coordinate statewide planning for public safety communication needs of state government and state emergency responders, including a migration plan for state agency use of public safety communications technologies and rendering of aid between state government and its political subdivisions for organizing and use of disparate public safety communications systems;
 - 3. Serve as a focal point for all state-level projects involving public safety communications vendors where the focus of such authority can substantially enhance the state communications plan or savings;
 - 4. Apply for, receive and hold, or assist state agencies in applying for, receiving or holding, such authorizations, licenses, and allocations of channels and frequencies to carry out the purposes of this section;
- 5. Establish minimum standards and protocols for the
 acquisition, development, or enhancement of public safety
 communications technologies. These standards shall be utilized by

- the Information Services Division of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services pursuant to the provisions of Section 34.20 of Title 62 of the Oklahoma Statutes; and
- 6. Accomplish such other purposes as may be necessary or incidental to the administration of its authority or functions pursuant to law.
- 7 It is the intent of the Legislature that all state public entities comply with the provisions of the Statewide Communications 8 9 Interoperability Plan issued by the Oklahoma Emergency 10 Communications Office of Homeland Security. All state agencies are 11 required to review the provisions of the Statewide Communications 12 Interoperability Plan and the public safety communications standards 13 issued by the Oklahoma Emergency Communications Office of Homeland 14 Security prior to the purchase, acquisition, development, or 15 enhancement of any public safety communications system. Local 16 public safety agencies and political subdivisions of the state are 17 encouraged, but not required, to review the provisions of the 18 Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan and the public safety 19 communications standards issued by the Oklahoma Emergency 20 Communications Office of Homeland Security prior to the purchase, 21 acquisition, development, or enhancement of any public safety 22 communications system to assist the local public safety agency or 23 political subdivision in purchasing decisions.

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1	C. Homeland Security shall ensure that all Federal and State
2	grant funding for radio and data communications meets the State
3	Communications Plan that is approved by the Oklahoma Emergency
4	Communications Authority.
5	D. No state agency shall use state funds or enter into any
6	agreement for the acquisition, development, or enhancement of a
7	public safety communication system unless the request is consistent
8	with the Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan and the
9	public safety communications standards issued by the Oklahoma
10	Emergency Communications Office of Homeland Security.
11	SECTION 14. REPEALER 62 O.S. 2021, Section 35.6.2, is
12	hereby repealed.
13	SECTION 15. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.
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