

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
4 FOR ENGROSSED

5 SENATE BILL NO. 966

By: Coleman and Hamilton of the  
Senate

6 and

7 Ford of the House

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10 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

11 An Act relating to statewide radio systems; amending  
12 62 O.S. 2021, Section 35.6.2, which relates to the  
13 Land Mobile Radio Public Safety Interoperability  
14 Cooperative; requiring certain plan creation and  
15 transmission; adding references to the Statewide  
16 Radio Strategic Plan and the Statewide Interoperable  
17 Radio Communications Governance Body; creating the  
18 Statewide Interoperable Radio Communications  
19 Governance Body; creating membership; directing the  
20 election of the chairperson; creating the Statewide  
21 Public Safety Interoperable Radio Communications  
22 System Revolving Fund; updating statutory language;  
23 providing for codification; and providing an  
24 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:

1 Section 35.6.2. A. In order to comply with Executive Orders  
2 and federal and state statutory and regulatory requirements related  
3 to interoperable public safety communications and to support the  
4 critical mission and purposes of the agencies within the Oklahoma  
5 Safety and Security Cabinet, the Transportation Cabinet and the  
6 Finance, Administration and Information Technology Cabinet, there is  
7 hereby established the Land Mobile Radio Public Safety  
8 Interoperability Cooperative. The ~~Land Mobile Radio Public Safety~~  
9 ~~Interoperability~~ Cooperative shall be governed by a committee  
10 initially consisting of the Secretary of Finance, Administration and  
11 Information Technology or designee, the Secretary of Transportation  
12 or designee and the Secretary of Safety and Security or designee.  
13 The Cooperative is established to focus on unifying, stabilizing and  
14 enhancing the infrastructure and capabilities for land mobile radio  
15 public safety system communications for the State of Oklahoma and  
16 shall include representatives of other public radio system boards or  
17 committees along with future voting or non-voting public entity  
18 members as deemed appropriate, nominated and agreed to by vote of  
19 the committee members defined in this paragraph.

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

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

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

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

23           C. Actions, decisions and operation of the ~~Land Mobile Radio~~  
24 ~~Public Safety Interoperability~~ Cooperative shall be performed in

1 compliance with, in support of and secondary to all statutory  
2 duties, requirements, responsibilities and authority provided to the  
3 Office of Management and Enterprise Services and the Oklahoma Office  
4 of Homeland Security; however, the resources and mechanisms  
5 available to Cooperative members by ownership or through agreement  
6 may be collectively utilized to carry out the provisions of this  
7 statute.

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

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

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.

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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