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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 458

5 By: Senator B. Sample  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO TRANSFER THE ARKANSAS WIRELESS INFORMATION  
9 NETWORK TO THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY  
10 MANAGEMENT; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER  
11 PURPOSES.  
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### Subtitle

14 TO TRANSFER THE ARKANSAS WIRELESS  
15 INFORMATION NETWORK TO THE ARKANSAS  
16 DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT; AND  
17 TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.  
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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23 SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Transfer of the Arkansas Wireless  
24 Information Network to the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management.

25 (a) The Arkansas Wireless Information Network is transferred to the  
26 Arkansas Department of Emergency Management.

27 (b) All authority, powers, duties, functions, records, personnel,  
28 property, unexpended balances of appropriations, allocations, and other  
29 funds, including the functions of budgeting and purchasing of the Arkansas  
30 Wireless Information Network, are transferred to the Arkansas Department of  
31 Emergency Management.  
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33 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 12-75-111, concerning the powers and duties  
34 of the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management, is amended to add an  
35 additional subsection to read as follows:

36 (c)(1) The department shall administer and operate the Arkansas



1 Wireless Information Network.

2 (2) The department shall perform all functions necessary to  
3 maintain and operate the Arkansas Wireless Information Network, including  
4 without limitation:

5 (A) Employ personnel;

6 (B) Manage, maintain, and acquire all equipment and  
7 assets;

8 (C) Enter into contracts and lease agreements on behalf of  
9 the Arkansas Wireless Information Network; and

10 (D) Administer the budget, expenditures, and all funding  
11 of the Arkansas Wireless Information Network.

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13 SECTION 3. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
14 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that this act revises the duties of  
15 the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management; that these revisions impact  
16 the expenses and operations of the Arkansas Department of Emergency  
17 Management; and that the provisions of this act should become effective at  
18 the beginning of the fiscal year to allow for implementation of the new  
19 provisions at the beginning of the fiscal year. Therefore, an emergency is  
20 declared to exist, and this act being necessary for the preservation of the  
21 public peace, health, and safety, shall become effective on July 1, 2019.

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24 /s/B. Sample

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