

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to law as it existed prior to the 82nd General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas
2 82nd General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 1999
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As Engrossed: H2/24/99

A Bill

Act 502 of 1999
SENATE BILL 318

5 By: Senator Gordon
6 *By: Representatives Magnus, Glover, Angel, Gullett, Lendall, Morris, Seawel, T. Steele*
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For An Act To Be Entitled

10 "AN ACT TO INVESTIGATE AND PLAN FOR AN INTEGRATED,
11 SHARED-USE WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM FOR ALL
12 STATE AGENCIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. "

Subtitle

15 "AN ACT TO PLAN FOR A STATEWIDE RADIO
16 SYSTEM. "

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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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21 SECTION 1. Definitions.

22 As used in this act:

23 (1) "Work Group" means the Statewide Radio System Work Group;

24 (2) "Chair" means the chair of the Work Group; and

25 (3) "Radio System" means a multi-agency, integrated, statewide, shared-
26 use wireless communications system including, but not limited to base
27 stations, mobile devices, portables, antennas, towers, real estate and other
28 such devices, systems and supporting infrastructure as may be necessary for
29 the proper functioning of such a system which is to be available for the use
30 of all state agencies.

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32 SECTION 2. Work Group.

33 (a) There is created the Statewide Radio System Work Group to make
34 recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly regarding the
35 feasibility, design, implementation, resource needs and other requirements for
36 the implementation of a statewide Radio System.

1 (b) The membership of the Work Group shall consist of voting members as
2 follows:

3 (1) The president of the Arkansas Science and Technology
4 Authority or the president's designee;

5 (2) The director of the Department of Information Systems or the
6 director's designee;

7 (3) The director of the Arkansas Highway and Transportation
8 Department or the director's designee;

9 (4) The director of the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission
10 or the director's designee;

11 (5) The State Forester or the State Forester's designee;

12 (6) The director of the Arkansas State Police or the director's
13 designee;

14 (7) The director of the Department of Parks and Tourism or the
15 director's designee;

16 (8) The director of the Office of Emergency Services or the
17 director's designee;

18 (9) The director of the Board of Corrections or the director's
19 designee;

20 (10) The Secretary of State or the Secretary's designee;

21 (11) The director of Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology or
22 the director's designee;

23 (12) The Adjunct General of the State Military Department or the
24 Adjunct General's designee;

25 (13) The director of the Arkansas Soil and Water Conservation or
26 the director's designee; and

27 (14) The Governor may appoint up to three (3) additional members
28 as he may deem necessary to carry out this act.

29 (c) The chair of the Work Group shall be appointed by the Governor.
30 The chair may appoint other subcommittees as are necessary to carry out the
31 provisions of this section.

32 (d) The Work Group may be convened by a majority of members, or by the
33 Chair.

34 (e) Members shall not receive compensation for service on the Work
35 Group.

36 (f) All state agencies shall cooperate with the Work Group in the

1 performance of its duties.

2 (g) The Work Group shall deliver a preliminary report of its findings
3 and recommendations to the Governor and the Joint Committee on Advanced
4 Communications and Information Technology no later than March 31, 2000. The
5 Work Group shall deliver a final report of its findings and recommendations to
6 the Governor and the Joint Committee on Advanced Communications and
7 Information Technology no later than September 30, 2000.

8 (h) The Work Group shall exist from the effective date of this act but
9 shall cease to exist after June 30, 2001.

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11 SECTION 3. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
12 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
13 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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15 SECTION 4. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
16 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
17 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
18 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
19 act are declared to be severable.

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21 SECTION 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
22 hereby repealed.

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24 SECTION 6. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is hereby found and determined by the
25 Eighty-second General Assembly that there is an urgent need to implement a
26 statewide radio system; that this act establishes a Statewide Radio System
27 Work Group to make recommendations for implementation of a statewide system;
28 and that this act is immediately necessary so that the Statewide Radio System
29 Work Group can complete its work in a timely way. Therefore, an emergency is
30 declared to exist and this act being immediately necessary for the
31 preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall become effective on
32 the date of its approval by the Governor. If the bill is neither approved nor
33 vetoed by the Governor, it shall become effective on the expiration of the
34 period of time during which the Governor may veto the bill. If the bill is
35 vetoed by the Governor and the veto is overridden, it shall become effective
36 on the date the last house overrides the veto.

/s/ Gordon, et al

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