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2   82nd General Assembly   # A Bill

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5   By: Senator Gordon

6   *By: Representatives Magnus, Glover, Angel, Gullett, Lendall, Morris, Seawel, T. Steele*

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9   **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."

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14   **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.

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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.

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