

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

State of Arkansas

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A Bill

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HOUSE BILL 1527

By: Representative Teague

By: *Senator Riggs*

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO ENSURE THAT MUNICIPAL, COUNTY AND STATE
NEEDS ARE CONSIDERED IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ARKANSAS WIRELESS
INFORMATION NETWORK (AWIN); AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT TO INCLUDE MUNICIPAL, COUNTY AND
STATE ENTITIES IN THE ARKANSAS WIRELESS
INFORMATION NETWORK (AWIN).

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

SECTION 1. Definitions.

As used in this act:

(1) "AWIN" means a multi-agency, integrated, statewide shared-use
wireless communications system including, but not limited to base stations,
mobile devices, portables, antennas, towers, real estate and other such
devices, systems and supporting infrastructure as may be necessary for the
proper functioning of such a system which is to be available for the use of
all municipal, county and state entities;

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

(3) "Work Group" means the AWIN Work Group.

SECTION 2. Work Group.

(a) There is created the AWIN Work Group to guide the development and

1 implementation of AWIN.

2 (b) The membership of the Work Group shall consist of:

3 (1) The Director of the Department of Information Systems or the
4 director's designee;

5 (2) The Director of the Arkansas Highway and Transportation
6 Department or the director's designee;

7 (3) The Director of the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission
8 or the director's designee;

9 (4) The State Forester or the State Forester's designee;

10 (5) The Director of the Department of Arkansas State Police or
11 the director's designee;

12 (6) The Director of the Department of Parks and Tourism or the
13 director's designee;

14 (7) The Director of the Arkansas Department of Emergency
15 Management or the director's designee;

16 (8) The Director of the Department of Correction or the
17 director's designee;

18 (9) The Secretary of State or the Secretary's designee;

19 (10) The Director of Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality
20 or the director's designee;

21 (11) The Adjutant General of the State Military Department or the
22 Adjutant General's designee;

23 (12) The Director of the Arkansas Soil and Water Conservation
24 Commission or the director's designee;

25 (13) The Director of the Department of Community Punishment or
26 the director's designee;

27 (14) The Director of the Arkansas Crime Information Center or the
28 director's designee;

29 (15) The Director of the Arkansas Department of Health or the
30 director's designee;

31 (16) The President of the Arkansas Sheriffs Association or the
32 president's designee;

33 (17) The President of the Arkansas Association of Chiefs of
34 Police or the president's designee;

35 (18) The President of the Arkansas Search and Rescue Association
36 or the president's designee;

1 (19) Two (2) persons appointed by the Speaker of the House of
2 Representatives;

3 (20) Two (2) persons appointed by the President Pro Tempore of
4 the Senate;

5 (21) One (1) person appointed by the House Cochair of the Rural
6 Fire Departments Study Commission;

7 (22) One (1) person appointed by the Senate Cochair of the Rural
8 Fire Departments Study Commission;

9 (23) Two (2) persons appointed by the Governor; and

10 (24) The Chairman of the Arkansas Fire Service Alliance or the
11 Chairman's designee.

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13 (c) The chair of the Work Group shall be appointed by the Governor from
14 the membership of the Work Group. The chair may appoint subcommittees as are
15 necessary to carry out the provisions of this act.

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

18 (e) Members shall not receive compensation for service on the Work
19 Group but may receive expense reimbursement as provided in Arkansas Code 25-
20 16-902.

21 (f) All state agencies shall cooperate with the Work Group in the
22 performance of its duties.

23 (g) The Work Group shall exist cease to exist as of July 1, 2003.
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25 SECTION 3. The Department of Information Services shall provide staff
26 support for the Work Group.

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28 SECTION 4. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
29 Assembly that there is an urgent need to implement a statewide wireless
30 information network; that this act establishes an AWIN Work Group to guide
31 development and implementation of a statewide wireless information network;
32 and that this act is immediately necessary so that the AWIN Work Group can
33 complete its work in a timely way. Therefore, an emergency is declared to
34 exist and this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the
35 public peace, health and safety shall become effective on the date of its
36 approval by the Governor. If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the

1 Governor, it shall become effective on the expiration of the period of time
2 during which the Governor may veto the bill. If the bill is vetoed by the
3 Governor and the veto is overridden, it shall become effective on the date the
4 last house overrides the veto.

5 /s/ Teague
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