

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.

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 1102

5 By: Senator Trusty
6 By: Representative Dobbins
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AN INTEGRATED, SHARED-USE
10 WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM FOR ALL STATE,
11 COUNTY, AND MUNICIPAL AGENCIES; AND FOR OTHER
12 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 TO ESTABLISH AN INTEGRATED, SHARED-USE
16 WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM FOR ALL
17 STATE, COUNTY, AND MUNICIPAL AGENCIES.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 25, Chapter 4 is amended to add an
24 additional subchapter to read as follows:

25 25-4-201. Integrated, shared-use wireless communications system.

26 (a)(1) The Department of Information Systems shall create, operate,
27 and maintain an integrated, shared-use wireless communications system for the
28 use of all state, county, and municipal entities.

29 (2) The Director of the Department of Arkansas State Police
30 shall designate the key personnel to oversee and manage the integrated,
31 shared-use wireless communications system.

32 (b) For the purposes described in subsection (a) of this section:

33 (1) The department's powers include:

34 (A) Acquiring the components needed for the wireless
35 communications system infrastructure, such as:

36 (i) Base stations, mobile devices, portables,



1 antennas, and towers;

2 (ii) Real property; and

3 (iii) Any other equipment, right-of-way, or license
4 needed to ensure the proper functioning of the system;

5 (B) Entering into partnerships with other governmental
6 entities and private entities;

7 (C) Granting funds for the purposes allowed by the
8 Arkansas Wireless Information Network Fund; and

9 (D) Doing whatever may be reasonably necessary and
10 expedient in the exercise of its duties to comply with the charge set out in
11 subsection (a) of this section; and

12 (2) The department's powers do not include the authority to
13 assess a local command and control first responder agency:

14 (A) For the use of the integrated, shared-use wireless
15 communications system; or

16 (B) For user equipment maintenance costs after the initial
17 deployment of user equipment.

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19 25-4-202. Arkansas Wireless Information Network Fund.

20 (a)(1) The Arkansas Wireless Information Network Fund is created and
21 established on the books of the Treasurer of State, the Auditor of State, and
22 the Department of Finance and Administration.

23 (2) The fund shall consist of:

24 (A) Funds appropriated by the General Assembly;

25 (B) Grants, gifts, and donations received by the State of
26 Arkansas to assist and support the integrated, shared-use wireless
27 communications system;

28 (C) Agency investments in the integrated, shared-use
29 wireless communications system;

30 (D) Federal funds;

31 (E) Receipts derived from Department of Information
32 Systems' services provided to various agencies of the federal, state, city,
33 and county governments and other entities in connection with the integrated,
34 shared-use wireless communications system; and

35 (F) Any other funds which may be provided by law for
36 credit to the fund.

1 (3) By July 15 each year, the Department of Information Systems
2 shall file a financial report concerning the fund's use with the Chief Fiscal
3 Officer of the State and the Legislative Council.

4 (b) The fund shall be used to carry out the duties, responsibilities,
5 and authority of the Department of Information Systems for creating,
6 operating, and maintaining the integrated, shared-use wireless communications
7 system.

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9 25-4-203. Advisory committee.

10 (a) The Arkansas Wireless Information Network Advisory Committee is
11 established to provide the Director of the Department of Information Systems
12 with advice about the establishment, operation, and management of the
13 integrated, shared-use wireless communications system, including:

14 (1) The coordination of communications between systems in the
15 state;

16 (2) Priorities for the state's investment in communications
17 systems;

18 (3) The development of policies and procedures;

19 (4) The development and implementation of any state strategic
20 communications plan; and

21 (5) The concerns and views of state and local agencies
22 responsible for emergency response and the provision of basic governmental
23 services.

24 (b) The membership of the advisory committee shall be the:

25 (1) Director of the Department of Arkansas State Police;

26 (2) Director of the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management;

27 (3) Director of the Department of Finance and Administration;

28 (4) Executive Chief Information Officer;

29 (5) Senate Cochair of the Joint Committee on Advanced
30 Communications and Information Technology or his or her designee;

31 (6) House Cochair of the Joint Committee on Advanced
32 Communications and Information Technology or his or her designee;

33 (7) Governor's designee; and

34 (8) Chair and Cochair of the Local Leadership Council.

35 (c) The advisory committee's duties include:

36 (1) Meeting regularly; and

1 (2) Presenting a quarterly report to the Joint Committee on
 2 Advanced Communications and Information Technology.

3 (d) The chair and cochair of the committee shall be elected by the
 4 members of the committee at their first meeting which shall be called by the
 5 Director of the Department of Information Systems.

6 (e) The Department of Information Systems shall provide staff and
 7 facilities for the committee.

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 9 25-4-204. Arkansas Wireless Information Network Local Leadership
 10 Council

11 (a) The Arkansas Wireless Information Network Local Leadership Council
 12 is established to provide the advisory committee with advice from local
 13 public safety and public service interests about the establishment,
 14 operation, maintenance, and management of the wireless communications system.

15 (b) The membership of the council shall be composed of one appointee
 16 from each of the following:

- 17 (1) County Judges' Association of Arkansas;
- 18 (2) Arkansas Association of Fire Chiefs;
- 19 (3) Arkansas Emergency Managers Association;
- 20 (4) Association of Rural Fire Chiefs;
- 21 (5) Arkansas Sheriffs' Association;
- 22 (6) Arkansas Municipal League;
- 23 (7) Arkansas Quorum Court Association;
- 24 (8) Arkansas Hospital Association;
- 25 (9) Arkansas EMT Association; and
- 26 (10) Arkansas Association of Chiefs of Police.

27 (c) The chair and cochair of the council shall be elected by the
 28 members of the council at their annual meeting which shall be called by the
 29 Director of the Department of Information Systems.

30 (d) The Department of Information Systems shall provide staff and
 31 facilities for the council.

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