

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to state government; amending 74 O.S.
8 2011, Section 51.1a, as amended by Section 700,
9 Chapter 304, O.S.L. 2012 (74 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section
10 51.1a), which relates to interoperable public safety
11 communications planning; requiring certain
12 cooperation for the development and implementation of
13 a statewide radio network; and providing an effective
14 date.

14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

15 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2011, Section 51.1a, as
16 amended by Section 700, Chapter 304, O.S.L. 2012 (74 O.S. Supp.
17 2020, Section 51.1a), is amended to read as follows:

18 Section 51.1a A. In addition to the powers and duties as
19 defined elsewhere in statute, the Oklahoma Office of Homeland
20 Security has the duty and responsibility for interoperable public
21 safety communications planning within the State of Oklahoma. As
22 part of this duty the Oklahoma Office of Homeland Security shall:
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1 1. Annually develop and report to the Governor, President Pro
2 Tempore of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives,
3 the Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan;

4 2. Coordinate statewide planning for public safety
5 communication needs of state government and state emergency
6 responders, including a migration plan for state agency use of
7 public safety communications technologies and rendering of aid
8 between state government and its political subdivisions for
9 organizing and use of disparate public safety communications
10 systems;

11 3. Serve as a focal point for all state-level projects
12 involving public safety communications vendors where the focus of
13 such authority can substantially enhance the state communications
14 plan or savings;

15 4. Apply for, receive, and hold, or assist state agencies in
16 applying for, receiving, or holding such authorizations, licenses,
17 and allocations of channels and frequencies to carry out the
18 purposes of this section;

19 5. Establish minimum standards and protocols for acquisition,
20 development, or enhancement of public safety communications
21 technologies. These standards shall be utilized by the Information
22 Services Division of the Office of Management and Enterprise
23 Services pursuant to the provisions of Section 34.20 of Title 62 of
24 the Oklahoma Statutes; and

1 6. Accomplish such other purposes as may be necessary or
2 incidental to the administration of its authority or functions
3 pursuant to law.

4 B. It is the intent of the Legislature that all state public
5 entities comply with the provisions of the Statewide Communications
6 Interoperability Plan issued by the Oklahoma Office of Homeland
7 Security. All state agencies are required to review the provisions
8 of the Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan and the public
9 safety communications standards issued by the Oklahoma Office of
10 Homeland Security prior to the purchase, acquisition, development,
11 or enhancement of any public safety communications system. Local
12 public safety agencies and political subdivisions of the state are
13 encouraged, but not required, to review the provisions of the
14 Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan and the public safety
15 communications standards issued by the Oklahoma Office of Homeland
16 Security prior to the purchase, acquisition, development, or
17 enhancement of any public safety communications system to assist the
18 local public safety agency or political subdivision in purchasing
19 decisions.

20 C. No state agency shall use state funds or enter into any
21 agreement for the acquisition, development, or enhancement of a
22 public safety communication system unless the request is consistent
23 with the Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan and the
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1 public safety communications standards issued by the Oklahoma Office
2 of Homeland Security.

3 D. The Oklahoma Office of Homeland Security shall cooperate
4 with the Office of Management and Enterprise Services to develop and
5 implement a statewide radio network that allows for communications
6 between emergency managers, local law enforcement, local fire
7 departments and the Oklahoma Department of Transportation.

8 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.

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