



ARIZONA STATE SENATE
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appropriation; interoperability communication system

Purpose

Appropriates \$1,500,000 from the Public Safety Interoperability Fund (Fund) in FY 2022 to the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to distribute to the Cochise County Sheriff for an interoperability communication system.

Background

The Fund is administered by DPS and is subject to legislative appropriation. Monies in the Fund must be used for interoperable communication systems ([A.R.S. § 41-1733](#)). Currently, the Fund contains a \$1,500,000 balance from a deposit made in FY 2020 ([JLBC Baseline](#)).

The Joint Ad Hoc Committee on Statewide Emergency Communications adopted, on January 23, 2020, recommendations to establish a Public Safety Communications Advisory Commission (PSCC) to review, or require the Director of DPS to review, new technologies relating to the expansion of statewide emergency communications regarding school safety, both visual and audible, across the state and to report findings to DPS by December 1, 2020. DPS is prohibited from moving forward on any request for proposal or solicitation pursuant to an existing statewide contract for goods and services before hearing a report from the PSCC. DPS or the PSCC may not expend more \$10,000,000 to expand the entire interoperability communication system.

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the state General Fund associated with this legislation.

Provisions

1. Appropriates \$1,500,000 from the Fund in FY 2022 to DPS to distribute to the Cochise County Sheriff for an interoperability communication system.
2. Requires the monies to be spent on an interoperability communication system that:
 - a) enables the deployment of a secure, multimedia data communications system to a public safety agency user base;
 - b) is capable of being deployed to end users on existing communication assets owned by participating entities;
 - c) allows each participating entity to maintain discretionary real-time control of all owned or operated communication assets;
 - d) encrypts all media communications; and
 - e) ensures staff privacy.

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3. Requires the interoperability communication system to provide a communications solutions environment that allows for:
 - a) identifying system users' identity, location and operational status during an incident;
 - b) secure text messaging and file sharing to all users involved in an incident;
 - c) secure sharing of collaborative maps, building floor plans and images;
 - d) integrating manually activated panic alarm systems that, when activated, establish direct collaboration between public safety agencies; and
 - e) using multiple forms of real-time communications and information collaboration during an incident, including voice and full-motion video sharing.

4. Becomes effective on the general effective date.

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