

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 145

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to the Oklahoma Wireless Information  
8 Network; transferring operation from the Department  
9 of Public Safety to the Office of Homeland Security;  
10 amending 74 O.S. 2011, Section 51.1a, as amended by  
11 Section 700, Chapter 304, O.S.L. 2012 (74 O.S. Supp.  
12 2020, Section 51.1a), which relates to interoperable  
13 public safety communications planning; modifying  
14 powers and duties; providing for codification; and  
15 providing an effective date.

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

17 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
18 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 51.4 of Title 74, unless there  
19 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

20 All powers, duties, functions, records, employees, property,  
21 matters pending and funds necessary for the operation of the  
22 Oklahoma Wireless Information Network (OKWIN), a division of the  
23 Oklahoma Department of Public Safety, are hereby transferred to the  
24 Oklahoma Office of Homeland Security.

25 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2011, Section 51.1a, as  
26 amended by Section 700, Chapter 304, O.S.L. 2012 (74 O.S. Supp.  
27 2020, Section 51.1a), is amended to read as follows:

1 Section 51.1a. A. In addition to the powers and duties as  
2 defined elsewhere in statute, the Oklahoma Office of Homeland  
3 Security has the duty and responsibility for interoperable public  
4 safety communications planning within the State of Oklahoma. As  
5 part of this duty the Oklahoma Office of Homeland Security shall:

6 1. Annually develop and report to the Governor, President Pro  
7 Tempore of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
8 the Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan;

9 2. Coordinate statewide planning for public safety  
10 communication needs of state government and state emergency  
11 responders, including a migration plan for state agency use of  
12 public safety communications technologies and rendering of aid  
13 between state government and its political subdivisions for  
14 organizing and use of disparate public safety communications  
15 systems;

16 3. Serve as a focal point for all state-level projects  
17 involving public safety communications vendors where the focus of  
18 such authority can substantially enhance the state communications  
19 plan or savings;

20 4. Apply for, receive, and hold, or assist state agencies in  
21 applying for, receiving, or holding such authorizations, licenses,  
22 and allocations of channels and frequencies to carry out the  
23 purposes of this section;

1           5. Establish minimum standards and protocols for acquisition,  
2 development, or enhancement of public safety communications  
3 technologies. These standards shall be utilized by the Information  
4 Services Division of the Office of Management and Enterprise  
5 Services pursuant to the provisions of Section 34.20 of Title 62 of  
6 the Oklahoma Statutes; ~~and~~

7           6. Accomplish such other purposes as may be necessary or  
8 incidental to the administration of its authority or functions  
9 pursuant to law; and

10           7. Operate, maintain and enhance the Oklahoma Wireless  
11 Information Network.

12           B. It is the intent of the Legislature that all state public  
13 entities comply with the provisions of the Statewide Communications  
14 Interoperability Plan issued by the Oklahoma Office of Homeland  
15 Security. All state agencies are required to review the provisions  
16 of the Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan and the public  
17 safety communications standards issued by the Oklahoma Office of  
18 Homeland Security prior to the purchase, acquisition, development,  
19 or enhancement of any public safety communications system. Local  
20 public safety agencies and political subdivisions of the state are  
21 encouraged, but not required, to review the provisions of the  
22 Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan and the public safety  
23 communications standards issued by the Oklahoma Office of Homeland  
24 Security prior to the purchase, acquisition, development, or

1 enhancement of any public safety communications system to assist the  
2 local public safety agency or political subdivision in purchasing  
3 decisions.

4 C. No state agency shall use state funds or enter into any  
5 agreement for the acquisition, development, or enhancement of a  
6 public safety communication system unless the request is consistent  
7 with the Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan and the  
8 public safety communications standards issued by the Oklahoma Office  
9 of Homeland Security.

10 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.

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