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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety Policy and Oversight

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public safety; designating Statewide Radio Board as Minnesota's
1.3 State Interoperability Executive Committee; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008,
1.4 section 403.36, subdivision 2, by adding a subdivision; repealing Minnesota
1.5 Statutes 2008, section 403.36, subdivision 1f.

1.6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 403.36, is amended by adding a
1.8 subdivision to read:

1.9 Subd. 1g. State Interoperability Executive Committee. (a) In addition to
1.10 responsibilities provided for in subdivision 1e, the Statewide Radio Board is designated as
1.11 Minnesota's State Interoperability Executive Committee.

1.12 (b) As Minnesota's State Interoperability Executive Committee, the Statewide
1.13 Radio Board shall:

1.14 (1) develop and maintain a statewide plan for local and private public safety
1.15 communications interoperability that integrates with the Minnesota emergency operation
1.16 plan;

1.17 (2) develop and adopt guidelines and operational standards for local and private
1.18 public safety communications interoperability within Minnesota;

1.19 (3) promote coordination and cooperation among local, state, federal, and
1.20 tribal public safety agencies in addressing statewide public safety communications
1.21 interoperability within Minnesota;

1.22 (4) advise the commissioner of the Department of Public Safety on public safety
1.23 communications interoperability and on the allocation and use of funds made available to
1.24 Minnesota to support public safety communications interoperability;

2.1 (5) to the extent permitted by federal law, Federal Communications Commission
2.2 regulations, and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration,
2.3 develop guidelines and standards for the efficient use of interoperability frequencies on all
2.4 frequency spectrums assigned to public safety users; and

2.5 (6) to the extent permitted by federal law and treaties with Canada, develop
2.6 guidelines and standards that support interoperability with adjoining states and provinces
2.7 of Canada along Minnesota's northern border.

2.8 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 403.36, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

2.9 Subd. 2. **Plan contents.** (a) The statewide, shared radio and communication system
2.10 project plan must include:

2.11 (1) standards, guidelines, and comprehensive design for the system, including use
2.12 and integration of existing public and private communications infrastructure;

2.13 (2) proposed project implementation schedule, phases, and estimated costs for each
2.14 phase of the plan;

2.15 (3) recommended statutory changes required for effective implementation and
2.16 administration of the statewide, shared trunked radio and communication system; ~~and~~

2.17 (4) an interoperability committee to make recommendations on the statewide plan
2.18 for local and private public safety communications interoperability and on guidelines and
2.19 operational standards necessary to promote public safety communications interoperability
2.20 within Minnesota; and

2.21 ~~(4)~~ (5) a policy for the lease of excess space or capacity on systems constructed under
2.22 the project plan, consistent with section 174.70, subdivision 2, with priority given first to
2.23 local units of government for public safety communication transmission needs and second
2.24 to any other communications transmission needs of either the public or private sector.

2.25 (b) The Statewide Radio Board must ensure that generally accepted project
2.26 management techniques are utilized for each project or phase of the backbone of the
2.27 statewide, shared radio and communication system consistent with guidelines of the
2.28 Project Management Office of the Office of Enterprise Technology:

2.29 (1) clear sponsorship;

2.30 (2) scope management;

2.31 (3) project planning, control, and execution;

2.32 (4) continuous risk assessment and mitigation;

2.33 (5) cost management;

2.34 (6) quality management reviews;

2.35 (7) communications management; and

3.1 (8) proven methodology.

3.2 Sec. 3. **REPEALER.**

3.3 Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 403.36, subdivision 1f, is repealed.

403.36 STATEWIDE RADIO BOARD.

Subd. 1f. **Advisory groups.** (a) The Statewide Radio Board shall establish one or more advisory groups for the purpose of advising on the plan, design, implementation, and administration of the statewide, shared trunked radio and communication system.

(b) At least one such group must consist of the following members:

(1) the chair of each regional radio board or, if no regional radio board has been formed, a representative of each region of development as defined in the statewide, shared, trunked radio and communication plan, once planning and development have been initiated for the region, or a designee;

(2) the chief of the Minnesota State Patrol or a designee;

(3) a representative of the Minnesota State Sheriffs' Association;

(4) a representative of the Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association;

(5) a representative of the Minnesota Fire Chiefs' Association; and

(6) a representative of the Emergency Medical Services Board.