

HOUSE BILL No. 2556

By Committee on Government, Technology and Security

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1 AN ACT concerning emergency communications services; establishing the
2 statewide interoperability council.

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4 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

5 Section 1. (a) For the purposes of this section:

6 (1) "State homeland security director" or "director" means the
7 adjutant general of the state of Kansas or the adjutant general's designee;

8 (2) "council" means the state interoperability council;

9 (3) "coordinator" means the statewide interoperability coordinator;
10 and

11 (4) "executive committee" means the executive committee of the
12 council created in subsection (f).

13 (b) There is hereby created the statewide interoperability council,
14 which shall oversee the development and deployment of centralized
15 interoperable communications planning and implementation capacity for
16 the state of Kansas. The council shall have all the powers necessary to
17 achieve this purpose, including, but not limited to, the power to:

18 (1) Develop statewide policies and policy recommendations for
19 increasing communications and interagency coordination for the purpose
20 of safeguarding and informing the public of public safety risks and
21 operations;

22 (2) negotiate statewide contracts for public safety communications
23 equipment, software and consulting services;

24 (3) modify and manage the state communications interoperability
25 plan;

26 (4) assess institutions and organizations that benefit from services
27 provided;

28 (5) issue requests for proposals and award contracts for public safety
29 communications technology public-private partnerships;

30 (6) submit a proposed annual budget prepared in cooperation with the
31 adjutant general, to be included in the adjutant general's budget
32 submission;

33 (7) accept any and all appropriations, donations, grants, bequests and
34 devises, conditional and otherwise, of money, property, services or other
35 things of value that may be received from the United States or any agency
36 thereof, any governmental agency, or any institution, person, firm or

1 corporation, public or private, to be held, used or applied for any or all of
2 the purposes specified in this section, in accordance with the terms and
3 conditions of any such grant; and

4 (8) pursue such other opportunities to improve public safety
5 communications as the council deems appropriate.

6 (c) (1) The council shall be headed by the state homeland security
7 director.

8 (2) The director shall appoint a statewide interoperability coordinator
9 to administer the council's business and act on the council's behalf.

10 (3) The director shall designate the chairperson and vice-chairperson
11 of the council.

12 (d) The council shall consist of the following members:

13 (1) The director;

14 (2) the coordinator, who shall be an ex-officio, non-voting member;

15 (3) the secretary of transportation or the secretary's designee;

16 (4) the executive branch chief information security officer or the
17 executive branch chief information security officer's designee;

18 (5) one tribal representative, appointed by the governor;

19 (6) the 911 coordinating council administrator;

20 (7) the chief executive officer of the state board of regents or the
21 chief executive officer's designee;

22 (8) one member appointed by the Kansas association of public safety
23 communications officials;

24 (9) one member appointed by the Kansas sheriffs' association;

25 (10) one member appointed by the emergency medical services
26 board;

27 (11) one member appointed by the Kansas association of chiefs of
28 police;

29 (12) one member appointed by the Kansas state association of fire
30 chiefs;

31 (13) one member appointed by the mid-America regional council;

32 (14) one member appointed by the league of Kansas municipalities;

33 (15) one member appointed by the Kansas association of counties;

34 and

35 (16) one member appointed by the Kansas emergency management
36 association.

37 (e) (1) All members of the council shall be appointed by their
38 respective appointing authority on or before August 1, 2018.

39 (2) Each executive committee member of the council shall serve until
40 succeeded. Each non-executive committee member of the council shall
41 serve for a three-year term, beginning on August 1, 2018, and shall be
42 eligible to serve for more than one term. Members of the council may be
43 removed, with cause, by a majority vote of the council or by their

1 appointing or designating authority.

2 (3) Any vacancy on the council shall be filled in the same manner
3 provided in this section for the original member.

4 (4) The first meeting of the council shall be held prior to September
5 1, 2018. The council shall meet once every quarter of the calendar year
6 and may hold additional meetings at the call of the director or coordinator.

7 (5) A majority of the voting members of the council constitutes a
8 quorum. Any action by the council shall be by motion adopted by a
9 majority of voting members present when there is a quorum.

10 (f) (1) There is hereby established an executive committee within the
11 council to assist in the administration of the council's business when the
12 full council is not meeting.

13 (2) The executive committee shall be composed of the council
14 members listed in subsection (c)(1) through (7).

15 (3) The executive committee may transact any business of the council
16 that has been delegated to the executive committee.

17 (g) (1) The council shall convene the following working groups to
18 address specific interoperability and communications requirements:

19 (A) Food and health safety, which shall consist of the following
20 members:

21 (i) The executive vice-chancellor of the university of Kansas medical
22 center or the chancellor's designee;

23 (ii) the dean of the Kansas state university college of veterinary
24 medicine or the dean's designee;

25 (iii) the secretary of the Kansas department of agriculture or the
26 secretary's designee; and

27 (iv) the secretary of health and environment or the secretary's
28 designee;

29 (B) public safety, which shall consist of the following members:

30 (i) The superintendent of the Kansas highway patrol or the
31 superintendent's designee;

32 (ii) one member appointed by the Kansas sheriffs' association;

33 (iii) one member appointed by the Kansas association of chiefs of
34 police;

35 (iv) a designee of the 911 coordinating council administrator;

36 (v) a designee of the secretary of transportation; and

37 (vi) one member appointed by the emergency medical services board;

38 (C) local governance, which shall consist of the following members:

39 (i) One tribal representative, appointed by the governor;

40 (ii) a designee of the chief executive officer of the state board of
41 regents;

42 (iii) one member appointed by the Kansas association of counties;

43 (iv) one member appointed by the league of Kansas municipalities;

1 and

2 (v) one member appointed by the mid-America regional council;

3 (D) technology innovation, which shall consist of the following
4 members:

5 (i) One member appointed by the Kansas emergency management
6 association;

7 (ii) one member appointed by the Kansas association of public safety
8 communications officials;

9 (iii) one member appointed by the Kansas sheriffs' association;

10 (iv) one member appointed by the Kansas association of chiefs of
11 police; and

12 (v) one member appointed by the Kansas state association of fire
13 chiefs.

14 (2) The council is authorized to establish additional or modify
15 existing working groups as necessary to best accomplish the council's
16 purpose.

17 (3) Members of the council shall not be working group members.

18 (4) All members of the working groups shall be appointed by their
19 respective appointing authority on or before October 1, 2018. The director
20 shall appoint the chairperson and vice-chairperson of each working group
21 from the membership thereof. Each working group member shall serve
22 until succeeded. Working group members may be removed, with cause, by
23 the director, a majority vote of the member's working group or by such
24 member's appointing or designating authority.

25 (5) Any vacancy on a working group shall be filled in the same
26 manner provided in this section for the original member.

27 (6) The first meeting of each working group shall be held prior to
28 November 1, 2018. Each working group shall meet once every quarter of
29 the calendar year and may hold additional meetings at the call of the
30 director, coordinator or the working group's chairperson.

31 (h) Working groups shall make recommendations to the council
32 regarding the following:

33 (1) Improving interagency communications, training and exercise
34 coordination;

35 (2) improving effective receipt of information from and
36 communicating information to the public;

37 (3) improving logistics coordination during on-site events;

38 (4) evaluating communication and communication protection
39 technologies and recommending procurement standards;

40 (5) identifying and promoting anti-intrusion technologies for
41 communications from individuals to public safety agencies;

42 (6) identifying methods to protect sensitive public safety operations
43 from placement on social media sites that deliberately or inadvertently

1 place public safety workers at risk;

2 (7) identifying and collecting relevant public safety communications
3 systems and equipment performance metrics; and

4 (8) such other responsibilities as shall be assigned by the executive
5 committee.

6 (i) The director shall provide staff support for the council and
7 working groups from the office of the director.

8 (j) Members of the council or the working groups attending meetings
9 of such council or working groups may receive compensation, subsistence
10 allowance, mileage or associated expenses by their appointing authority, at
11 the discretion of such authority.

12 (k) The council shall submit, on or before the first day of each regular
13 session of the legislature, an annual report of activities, accomplishments
14 and challenges to the office of the governor and the senate committee on
15 utilities, the senate committee on transportation, the house committee on
16 energy, utilities and telecommunications, the house committee on
17 government, technology and security and the house committee on
18 transportation.

19 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
20 publication in the statute book.