

**Substitute for HOUSE BILL No. 2556**

By Committee on Government, Technology and Security

2-6

1 AN ACT concerning emergency communications services; establishing the  
2 state interoperability advisory committee.

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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) "Advisory committee" means the state interoperability advisory  
7 committee;

8 (2) "coordinator" means the statewide interoperability coordinator;

9 (3) "executive subcommittee" means the executive subcommittee of  
10 the advisory committee created in subsection (f); and

11 (4) "state emergency management director" or "director" means the  
12 adjutant general of the state of Kansas or the adjutant general's designee.

13 (b) (1) There is hereby created the state interoperability advisory  
14 committee, which shall provide input to the adjutant general's department  
15 for the development and deployment of centralized interoperable  
16 communications planning and implementation capacity for the state of  
17 Kansas. The advisory committee shall:

18 (A) Make policy recommendations to the adjutant general's  
19 department for increasing communications and interagency coordination  
20 for the purpose of safeguarding and informing the public of public safety  
21 risks and operations;

22 (B) assist with the development of policies and procedures that  
23 increase communications and interagency coordination for the purpose of  
24 enhancing public safety interoperable communications;

25 (C) provide input to the adjutant general's department on statewide  
26 contracts for public safety communications equipment, software and  
27 consulting services;

28 (D) make recommendations to the adjutant general's department  
29 regarding revisions to the state communications interoperability plan;

30 (E) make recommendations to the adjutant general's department for  
31 the assessment of institutions and organizations that benefit from services  
32 provided;

33 (F) make recommendations to the adjutant general's department  
34 concerning the development, release and review of requests for proposals  
35 and awarding contracts for public safety communications technology  
36 public-private partnerships; and

1 (G) make recommendations to the adjutant general's department to  
2 pursue other opportunities to improve public safety communications as the  
3 advisory committee deems appropriate.

4 (2) The advisory committee shall not have authority to:

5 (A) Require certification of public safety agencies or employees;

6 (B) require training or the establishment of mandatory training  
7 standards beyond what is necessary for the operation, care and security of  
8 interoperable communications systems and plans developed by the  
9 advisory committee; or

10 (C) limit local purchasing options for equipment compatible with the  
11 interoperability plan.

12 (c) (1) The advisory committee shall be overseen by the state  
13 emergency management director.

14 (2) The director shall appoint a statewide interoperability coordinator  
15 to administer the advisory committee's business, serve as the advisory  
16 committee's chairperson, and act on the advisory committee's behalf.

17 (3) The chairperson shall appoint the vice-chairperson of the advisory  
18 committee.

19 (d) The advisory committee shall consist of the following members:

20 (1) The director;

21 (2) the coordinator;

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

23 (4) the superintendent of the highway patrol or the superintendent's  
24 designee;

25 (5) the executive branch chief information security officer or the  
26 executive branch chief information security officer's designee;

27 (6) one tribal representative appointed by the governor;

28 (7) the 911 coordinating council administrator or the administrator's  
29 designee;

30 (8) the chief executive officer of the state board of regents or the  
31 chief executive officer's designee;

32 (9) one member appointed by the Kansas association of public safety  
33 communications officials;

34 (10) one member appointed by the Kansas sheriffs' association;

35 (11) one member appointed by the emergency medical services  
36 board;

37 (12) one member appointed by the Kansas association of chiefs of  
38 police;

39 (13) one member appointed by the Kansas state association of fire  
40 chiefs;

41 (14) one member appointed by the mid-America regional council;

42 (15) one member appointed by the league of Kansas municipalities;

43 (16) one member appointed by the Kansas association of counties;

1 and

2 (17) one member appointed by the Kansas emergency management  
3 association.

4 (e) (1) All members of the advisory committee shall be appointed by  
5 their respective appointing authority on or before August 1, 2018.

6 (2) Each executive branch member of the advisory committee shall  
7 serve until succeeded. Each non-executive branch member of the advisory  
8 committee shall serve for a three-year term, beginning on August 1, 2018,  
9 and shall be eligible to serve for more than one term. Members of the  
10 advisory committee may be removed, for cause, by a majority vote of the  
11 advisory committee or by their appointing or designating authority.

12 (3) Any vacancy on the advisory committee shall be filled in the same  
13 manner provided in this section for the original member.

14 (4) The first meeting of the advisory committee shall be held prior to  
15 September 1, 2018. The advisory committee shall meet once every quarter  
16 of the calendar year and may hold additional meetings at the call of the  
17 director or coordinator.

18 (5) A majority of the voting members of the advisory committee  
19 constitutes a quorum. Any action by the advisory committee shall be by  
20 motion adopted by a majority of voting members present when there is a  
21 quorum.

22 (f) (1) There is hereby established an executive subcommittee within  
23 the advisory committee to assist in the administration of the advisory  
24 committee's business when the full advisory committee is not meeting.

25 (2) The executive subcommittee shall be composed of the advisory  
26 committee members listed in subsection (d)(1) through (d)(4).

27 (3) The executive subcommittee may transact any business of the  
28 advisory committee that has been delegated to the executive  
29 subcommittee.

30 (g) (1) The chairperson may appoint and convene working groups to  
31 address specific interoperability and communications requirements,  
32 research topics and to make recommendations. In addition, the chairperson  
33 may add additional subject matter experts ad hoc to assist the working  
34 groups in carrying out their functions and responsibilities.

35 (2) Each established working group shall meet once every quarter of  
36 the calendar year and may hold additional meetings at the call of the  
37 director, coordinator or the working group's chairperson.

38 (3) Working groups shall make recommendations to the advisory  
39 committee regarding the following:

40 (A) Improving interagency communications, training and exercise  
41 coordination;

42 (B) improving effective receipt of information from and  
43 communicating information to the public;

- 1 (C) improving logistics coordination during on-site events;
- 2 (D) evaluating communication and communication protection  
3 technologies and recommending procurement standards;
- 4 (E) identifying and promoting anti-intrusion technologies for  
5 communications from individuals to public safety agencies;
- 6 (F) identifying methods to protect sensitive public safety operations  
7 from placement on social media sites that deliberately or inadvertently  
8 place public safety workers at risk;
- 9 (G) identifying and collecting relevant public safety communications  
10 systems and equipment performance metrics; and
- 11 (H) such other responsibilities as shall be assigned by the  
12 chairperson.
- 13 (h) The director shall provide staff support for the advisory  
14 committee and working groups from the office of the director.
- 15 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
16 publication in the ~~statute book~~ ***Kansas register***.