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PROPOSED POLICY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

An Act relating to emergency communications; creating the Oklahoma Emergency Communications Act; defining terms; creating the 9-1-1 Management Unit; requiring Homeland Security Advisor make certain appointments; authorizing certain expenditures; transferring certain personnel, records, and property; stating certain funds shall be appropriated or allocated; authorizing the transfer of certain funds; creating the Oklahoma Emergency Communications Section; requiring certain officers be available as a resource; authorizing the reception of certain items; directing deposit of certain funds; authorizing the transfer of title of certain assets; making certain exemption; requiring certain assistance at no cost to effectuate transfers; directing deposit of certain funds; authorizing the promulgation, adoption and enforcement of certain rules; creating the Oklahoma Emergency Communications Council; stating purpose of Council; abolishing the Oklahoma Statewide Interoperability Governing Body; modifying agency responsible for certain duties; establishing membership of Council; requiring vacancies be filled by original appointing authority; requiring certain affirmation by certain date; prohibiting compensation for members; authorizing certain reimbursement; providing for certain Council support; listing powers and duties of the Council; creating the Oklahoma

Emergency Communications System; stating assets of System; granting certain exclusive jurisdiction; creating the Oklahoma Emergency Communications Restricted Revolving Fund; stating type of fund; stating purpose of fund; authorizing certain expenditures; amending 62 O.S. 2021, Section 34.11.1, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 193, O.S.L. 2024 (62 O.S. Supp. 2024, Section 34.11.1), which relates to Chief Information Officer; requiring Chief Information Officer seek guidance for certain purchases; amending 63 O.S. 2021, Section 2862, as last amended by Section 146, Chapter 452, O.S.L. 2024 (63 O.S. Supp. 2024, Section 2862), which relates to definitions; modifying definition; amending 63 O.S. 2021, Section 2864, as last amended by Section 7, Chapter 258, O.S.L. 2023 (63 O.S. Supp. 2024, Section 2864), which relates to powers and duties; modifying responsible agency; modifying powers and duties; amending 63 O.S. 2021, Section 2865, as amended by Section 8, Chapter 258, O.S.L. 2023 (63 O.S. Supp. 2024, Section 2865), which relates to fees; modifying responsible entity; amending 63 O.S. 2021, Section 2866, as amended by Section 9, Chapter 258, O.S.L. 2023 (63 O.S. Supp. 2024, Section 2866), which relates to the collection, payment and distribution of fees; modifying responsible entity; amending 63 O.S. 2021, Section 2867, as amended by Section 10, Chapter 258, O.S.L. 2023 (63 O.S. Supp. 2024, Section 2867), which relates to the collection, payment and distribution of prepaid wireless fees; modifying responsible entity; amending 63 O.S. 2021, Section 2868, as amended by Section 4, Chapter 49, O.S.L. 2023 (63 O.S. Supp. 2024, Section 2868), which relates to the use of funds; modifying responsible entities; amending 63 O.S. 2021, Section 2869, which relates to the Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management Authority Revolving Fund; modifying entity responsible for fund; modifying purpose of expenditures; amending 63 O.S. 2021, Section 2871, as amended by Section 12, Chapter 258, O.S.L. 2023 (63 O.S. Supp. 2024, Section 2871), which relates to the Regional 9-1-1 Service Act; modifying responsible entity; amending Section 2, Chapter 258, O.S.L. 2023 (63 O.S. Supp. 2024, Section 2872), which relates to online training platform; modifying responsible entities; repealing 63 O.S. 2021, Section 2863, which relates to the

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Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management Authority; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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- BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:
- SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2880 of Title 63, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:
- 8 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Oklahoma 9 Emergency Communications Act".
 - SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2864a of Title 63, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:
 - A. There is hereby created the 9-1-1 Management Unit, which shall be a unit of the Oklahoma Emergency Communications Section.
 - B. The Homeland Security Advisor shall appoint the Oklahoma 9-1-1 Coordinator, subordinates, and employees. The Homeland Security Advisor may make such expenditures with appropriated funds, or from such other available funds as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of the 9-1-1 Management Authority Act and other programs specified by law.
 - C. As of the effective date of this act, all personnel employed by the Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management Authority are hereby transferred to the 9-1-1 Management Unit of the Oklahoma Emergency Communications Section.

D. As of the effective date of this act, all records and property of the Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management Authority are hereby transferred to the 9-1-1 Management Unit of the Oklahoma Emergency Communications Section.

- E. Funds sufficient to support the transfer of powers, duties, responsibilities, and personnel shall be appropriated or allocated to the Department of Public Safety for fiscal year 2026 and thereafter. The Office of Management and Enterprise Services is hereby authorized to transfer such funds as may be necessary to effect such allocations.
- SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2881 of Title 63, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

As used in the Oklahoma Emergency Communications Act:

- 1. "FCC" means the Federal Communications Commission;
- 2. "Oklahoma Emergency Communications System" is the radio and communications system operated by the Oklahoma Emergency Communications Section, as established by Section 7 of this act.
- 3. "9-1-1 Management Unit" is a unit of the Oklahoma Emergency Communications Section as established by Section 2 of this act.
- SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2882 of Title 63, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. There is hereby created the Oklahoma Emergency

Communications Section, which shall be a section of the Oklahoma

Office of Homeland Security.

- B. The Homeland Security Advisor shall appoint a Manager of the Oklahoma Emergency Communications Section, subordinates, and employees. The Homeland Security Advisor may make such expenditures with appropriated funds, or from such other available funds as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of the Oklahoma Emergency Communications Act and other programs specified by law.
- C. All Tower Maintenance Officers of the Department of Public Safety shall be available as a resource to the Oklahoma Emergency Communications Section to support the Oklahoma Emergency Communications System.
- D. The Homeland Security Advisor is authorized to receive gifts or transfers of funds, equipment, infrastructure, and services in support of the Oklahoma Emergency Communications System. All amounts collected shall be deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of the Oklahoma Emergency Communications Restricted Revolving Fund created by Section 8 of this act.
- E. The Homeland Security Advisor may transfer title to any assets of the Oklahoma Emergency Communications System to a municipality, county, state agency, or other public, private, or nonprofit entity. The Homeland Security Advisor shall be exempt from the Oklahoma Surplus Property Act for purposes of selling or

- 1 disposing of assets of the Oklahoma Emergency Communications System or any improvements thereon. The Office of Management and Enterprise Services shall be available, at no cost to the Oklahoma 3 Emergency Communications Section, to assist the Homeland Security 5 Advisor with the process of effectuating transfers of assets of the Oklahoma Emergency Communications System, including, but not limited 6 7 to, preparation of necessary contracts, conveyances, leases, easements, or other agreements. Proceeds from the sale, lease, or 8 9 transfer of any assets of the Oklahoma Emergency Communications 10 System shall be deposited in the Oklahoma Emergency Communications 11 Restricted Revolving Fund created in Section 8 of this act.
 - F. The Homeland Security Advisor, with advice and consultation of the Oklahoma Emergency Communications Council, is hereby authorized to promulgate, adopt, and enforce such rules as may be necessary to carry out the powers and duties assigned, by this title, to the Oklahoma Emergency Communications Council, the Oklahoma Emergency Communications Section, and the 9-1-1 Management Unit.

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- SECTION 5. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2883 of Title 63, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:
- A. There is hereby created the Oklahoma Emergency
 Communications Council. The purpose of the Council is to advise and
 assist the Oklahoma Emergency Communications Section in setting

goals, objectives, and priorities for the oversight, development, and regulation of the State Emergency Communications Systems.

- B. The Oklahoma Statewide Interoperability Governing Body, as it currently exists under the Oklahoma Office of Homeland Security, is hereby abolished. As of the effective date of this act, the Oklahoma Emergency Communications Council shall serve as the Oklahoma Statewide Interoperability Governing Body.
- C. The Council shall be composed of the following twenty (20) members:
 - 1. The Oklahoma Homeland Security Advisor, or designee;
 - 2. The Oklahoma Statewide Interoperability Coordinator;
- 3. One member representing the Oklahoma Department of Transportation to be appointed by the Secretary of Transportation;
- 4. One member representing the Grand River Dam Authority to be appointed by the Grand River Dam Authority Board of Directors;
- 5. One member representing the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority to be appointed by the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority Board of Directors;
- 6. One member representing forestry and state fire response to be appointed by the Oklahoma Commissioner of Agriculture;
 - 7. The Chief Information Officer for the state, or designee;
- 8. One member representing a statewide organization dedicated to representing municipal law enforcement to be appointed by the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives;

1 9. One member representing a statewide organization dedicated to representing county law enforcement to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate;

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- One member representing a statewide organization dedicated to representing fire service to be appointed by the Governor;
- One member representing a statewide organization dedicated to representing Oklahoma municipalities to be appointed by the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives;
- One member representing a statewide organization representing Oklahoma county commissioners to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate;
- 13. One member representing a statewide organization representing emergency medical services to be appointed by the Governor:
 - 14. One member representing a city that owns radio infrastructure and allows state users to utilize the system for dayto-day operations, to be appointed by the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives;
 - 15. One member representing a county that owns radio infrastructure and allows state users to utilize the system for day to day operations, to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate;
- 23 One member representing a city that operates a 9-1-1 24 system, to be appointed by the Governor;

17. One member representing a county that operates a 9-1-1 system, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

- 18. One member who is a 9-1-1 coordinator for a county with a population of less than twenty thousand (20,000) according to the latest Federal Decennial Census to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate;
- 19. One member who is a 9-1-1 coordinator for a county with a population of more than twenty thousand (20,000) according to the latest Federal Decennial Census to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and
- 20. One member representing federally recognized tribes in Oklahoma that owns radio infrastructure, allowing state users to utilize the system for day-to-day operations, and operates a 9-1-1 system, to be appointed by the Governor.
- D. Members shall serve at the pleasure of his or her appointing authority and vacancies shall be filled by the original appointing authority. Each Council member should be reaffirmed every two (2) years from the date of the appointment.
- E. Members shall receive no compensation for serving on the Council.
- F. The members of the Council shall be reimbursed for mileage or actual travel expenses, whichever is less, to attend regular and special meetings when the travel exceeds fifty (50) miles from his

or her home or business, whichever is closer to the meeting location.

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- G. The Oklahoma Emergency Communications Section shall provide administrative, fiscal and staff support for the Council.
- SECTION 6. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2884 of Title 63, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The powers and duties of the Oklahoma Emergency Communications
Council created in Section 4 of this act shall be to:

- 1. Prepare grant solicitations for funding to assist public agencies in joining a statewide shared system, this includes both infrastructure and radio subscribers;
- 2. Approve contracts necessary to administer and maintain the emergency radio systems owned by the State of Oklahoma;
- 3. Establish a strategic plan for the state radio system to ensure optimal operability and interoperability for all public safety responders in the state;
- 4. Establish guidelines for interoperability between state, regional and local NG9-1-1 systems;
- 5. Facilitate the creation of policy and procedures between state and local agencies related to radio communications;
- 6. Encourage equipment and technology sharing among all jurisdictions;

- 9. Facilitate data operability and interoperability between public safety systems;
- 10. Provide oversight of the programming of the systems and radios, including any software or keys necessary to operate on the state radio systems;
- 11. Recommend standards to become P25 compliant and other common radio interoperability standards; and
- 12. Enable cost savings to the State of Oklahoma through unification and enhancement of current land mobile radio public safety systems.
- SECTION 7. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2885 of Title 63, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:
 - A. There is hereby created the Oklahoma Emergency

 Communications System, which shall consist of all state-owned radio infrastructure, including tower infrastructure, owned and operated by the Oklahoma Department of Public Safety.
 - B. The Oklahoma Emergency Communications Section shall have exclusive jurisdiction, custody, responsibility, and control over the Oklahoma Emergency Communications System, including, but not limited to, all construction, repair, maintenance, modification, use, improvement, management, and operation of the System.

- SECTION 8. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2886 of Title 63, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:
 - A. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a restricted revolving fund for the Oklahoma Emergency Communications Section to be designated the "Oklahoma Emergency Communications Restricted Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of all monies received to effectuate the purpose and in furtherance of the Oklahoma Emergency Communications Act from:
 - 1. Reimbursements, grants, or other monies received from other state agencies and entities of state government;
 - 2. Grant awards for support of emergency communications;
 - 3. Gifts, donations, and bequests;

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- 4. Monies appropriated or apportioned by the state; and
- 5. The proceeds from the sale or lease of any infrastructure or equipment owned or operated by the Oklahoma Emergency Communications Section.
- B. All monies accruing to the credit of the fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the Oklahoma Emergency Communications Section upon approval by the Homeland Security Advisor for:
- 1. Personnel and operating expenses of the Oklahoma Emergency
 Communications Section;

2. Administrative duties in support of the Oklahoma Emergency Communications Section and the Oklahoma Emergency Communications Council;

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- 3. Procurement, construction, repair, maintenance, modification, use, improvement, management, and operation of the Oklahoma Emergency Communications System; and
- 4. Any other expense associated with carrying out the purposes of the Oklahoma Emergency Communications Act.
 - C. Expenditures from the fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by law with the Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services for approval and payment.
- SECTION 9. AMENDATORY 62 O.S. 2021, Section 34.11.1, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 193, O.S.L. 2024 (62 O.S. Supp. 2024, Section 34.11.1), is amended to read as follows:
- Section 34.11.1. A. There is hereby created the position of Chief Information Officer who shall be appointed by the Governor. The Chief Information Officer, in addition to having authority over the Information Services Division of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services, shall also serve as Secretary of Information Technology and Telecommunications or successor cabinet position and shall have jurisdictional areas of responsibility related to information technology and telecommunications systems of all state agencies as provided for in state law. The salary of the Chief

1 | Information Officer shall not be less than One Hundred Thirty

2 | Thousand Dollars (\$130,000.00) or more than One Hundred Sixty

- 3 | Thousand Dollars (\$160,000.00).
- B. Any person appointed to the position of Chief Information
- 5 Officer shall meet the following eligibility requirements:
- 6 1. A baccalaureate degree in Computer Information Systems,
- 7 | Information Systems or Technology Management, Business
- 8 Administration, Finance, or other similar degree;
- 9 2. A minimum of ten (10) years of professional experience with
- 10 responsibilities for management and support of information systems
- 11 and information technology, including seven (7) years of direct
- 12 | management of a major information technology operation;
- 3. Familiarity with local and wide-area network design,
- 14 | implementation, and operation;
- 4. Experience with data and voice convergence service
- 16 offerings;
 - 5. Experience in developing technology budgets;
- 18 6. Experience in developing requests for proposal and
- 19 administering the bid process;
- 7. Experience managing professional staff, teams, and
- 21 | consultants;
- 8. Knowledge of telecommunications operations;

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9. Ability to develop and set strategic direction for information technology and telecommunications and to manage daily development and operations functions;

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- 10. An effective communicator who is able to build consensus;
- 11. Ability to analyze and resolve complex issues, both logical and interpersonal;
- 12. Effective verbal and written communications skills and effective presentation skills, geared toward coordination and education;
 - 13. Ability to negotiate and defuse conflict; and
- 14. A self-motivator, independent, cooperative, flexible and creative.
- C. The salary and any other expenses for the Chief Information Officer shall be budgeted as a separate line item through the Office of Management and Enterprise Services. The operating expenses of the Information Services Division shall be set by the Chief Information Officer and shall be budgeted as a separate line item through the Office of Management and Enterprise Services. The Office of Management and Enterprise Services shall provide adequate office space, equipment and support necessary to enable the Chief Information Officer to carry out the information technology and telecommunications duties and responsibilities of the Chief Information Officer and the Information Services Division.

D. 1. Within twelve (12) months of appointment, the first
Chief Information Officer shall complete an assessment, which shall
be modified annually pursuant to Section 35.5 of this title, of the
implementation of the transfer, coordination, and modernization of
all information technology and telecommunication systems of all
state agencies in the state as provided for in the Oklahoma
Information Services Act. The assessment shall include the
information technology and telecommunications systems of all
institutions within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education,
the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and the
telecommunications network known as OneNet as assembled and
submitted by the Oklahoma Higher Education Chief Information
Officer, as designated by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher
Education.

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- 2. Within twelve (12) months of appointment, the first Chief Information Officer shall issue a report setting out a plan of action which will include the following:
 - a. define the shared service model organization structure and the reporting relationship of the recommended organization,
 - b. the implementation of an information technology and telecommunications shared services model that defines the statewide infrastructure environment needed by most state agencies that is not specific to individual

agencies and the shared applications that are utilized across multiple agencies,

c. define the services that shall be in the shared

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- c. define the services that shall be in the shared services model under the control of the Information Services Division of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services,
- d. define the roadmap to implement the proposed shared services model. The roadmap shall include recommendations on the transfer, coordination, and modernization of all information technology and telecommunication systems of all the state agencies in the state,
- e. recommendations on the reallocation of information technology and telecommunication resources and personnel,
- f. a cost benefit analysis to support the recommendations on the reallocation of information technology and telecommunication resources and personnel,
- g. a calculation of the net savings realized through the reallocation and consolidation of information technology and telecommunication resources and personnel after compensating for the cost of contracting with a private consultant as authorized in paragraph 4 of this subsection, implementing the plan

of action, and ongoing costs of the Information

Services Division of the Office of Management and

Enterprise Services, and

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- h. the information required in subsection B of Section 35.5 of this title.
- 3. The plan of action report shall be presented to the Governor, Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives, and the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate.
- 4. The Chief Information Officer may contract with a private consultant or consultants to assist in the assessment and development of the plan of action report as required in this subsection.
- E. The Chief Information Officer shall be authorized to employ personnel, fix the duties and compensation of the personnel, not otherwise prescribed by law, and otherwise direct the work of the personnel in performing the function and accomplishing the purposes of the Information Services Division of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services.
- F. The Information Services Division of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services shall be responsible for the following duties:
- 1. Formulate and implement the information technology strategy
 23 for all state agencies;

2. Define, design, and implement a shared services statewide infrastructure and application environment for information technology and telecommunications for all state agencies;

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- 3. Direct the development and operation of a scalable telecommunications infrastructure that supports data and voice communications reliability, integrity, and security;
- 4. Supervise the applications development process for those applications that are utilized across multiple agencies;
- 5. Provide direction for the professional development of information technology staff of state agencies and oversee the professional development of the staff of the Information Services Division of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services;
- 6. Evaluate all technology and telecommunication investment choices for all state agencies;
- 7. Create a plan to ensure alignment of current systems, tools, and processes with the strategic information technology plan for all state agencies;
- 8. Set direction and provide oversight for the support and continuous upgrading of the current information technology and telecommunication infrastructure in the state in support of enhanced reliability, user service levels, and security;
- 9. Direct the development, implementation, and management of appropriate standards, policies and procedures to ensure the success of state information technology and telecommunication initiatives;

10. Recruit, hire and transfer the required technical staff in the Information Services Division of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services to support the services provided by the Division and the execution of the strategic information technology plan;

- 11. Establish, maintain, and enforce information technology and telecommunication standards;
- 12. Delegate, coordinate, and review all work to ensure quality and efficient operation of the Information Services Division of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services;
- 13. Create and implement a communication plan that disseminates pertinent information to state agencies on standards, policies, procedures, service levels, project status, and other important information to customers of the Information Services Division of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services and provide for agency feedback and performance evaluation by customers of the Division;
- 14. Develop and implement training programs for state agencies using the shared services of the Information Services Division of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services and recommend training programs to state agencies on information technology and telecommunication systems, products and procedures;
- 15. Provide counseling, performance evaluation, training, motivation, discipline, and assign duties for employees of the Information Services Division of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services;

16. For all state agencies, approve the purchasing of all information technology and telecommunication services and approve the purchase of any information technology and telecommunication product except the following:

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- a. a purchase less than or equal to Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) if such product is purchased using a state purchase card and the product is listed on either the Approved Hardware or Approved Software list located on the Office of Management and Enterprise Services website, or
- b. a purchase over Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) and less than or equal to Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) if such product is purchased using a state purchase card, the product is listed on an information technology or telecommunications statewide contract, and the product is listed on either the Approved Hardware or Approved Software list located on the Office of Management and Enterprise Services website;
- 17. Develop and enforce an overall infrastructure architecture strategy and associated roadmaps for desktop, network, server, storage, and statewide management systems for state agencies;
- 18. Effectively manage the design, implementation and support of complex, highly available infrastructure to ensure optimal

performance, on-time delivery of features, and new products, and
scalable growth;

- 19. Define and implement a governance model for requesting services and monitoring service level metrics for all shared services; and
- 20. Create the budget for the Information Services Division of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services to be submitted to the Legislature each year.
- G. The State Governmental Technology Applications Review Board shall provide ongoing oversight of the implementation of the plan of action required in subsection D of this section. Any proposed amendments to the plan of action shall be approved by the Board prior to adoption.
- H. 1. The Chief Information Officer shall act as the Information Technology and Telecommunications Purchasing Director for all state agencies and shall be responsible for the procurement of all information technology and telecommunication software, hardware, equipment, peripheral devices, maintenance, consulting services, high technology systems, and other related information technology, data processing, telecommunication and related peripherals and services for all state agencies. The Chief Information Officer shall establish, implement, and enforce policies and procedures for the procurement of information technology and telecommunication software, hardware, equipment, peripheral devices,

maintenance, consulting services, high technology systems, and other related information technology, data processing, telecommunication and related peripherals and services by purchase, lease-purchase, lease with option to purchase, lease and rental for all state agencies. The procurement policies and procedures established by the Chief Information Officer shall be consistent with The Oklahoma Central Purchasing Act.

- 2. The Chief Information Officer, or any employee or agent of the Chief Information Officer acting within the scope of delegated authority, shall have the same power and authority regarding the procurement of all information technology and telecommunication products and services as outlined in paragraph 1 of this subsection for all state agencies as the State Purchasing Director has for all acquisitions used or consumed by state agencies as established in The Oklahoma Central Purchasing Act. Such authority shall, consistent with the authority granted to the State Purchasing Director pursuant to Section 85.10 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes, include the power to designate financial or proprietary information submitted by a bidder confidential and reject all requests to disclose the information so designated, if the Chief Information Officer requires the bidder to submit the financial or proprietary information with a bid, proposal, or quotation.
- 3. The Chief Information Officer or any employee or agent of the Chief Information Officer shall seek guidance and

recommendations from the Oklahoma Emergency Communications Section for all purchases related to public safety communications.

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The Information Services Division of the Office of I. Management and Enterprise Services and the Chief Information Officer shall be subject to the Oklahoma Central Purchasing Act for the approval and purchase of all equipment, products, and services and shall also be subject to the requirements of the Public Competitive Bidding Act of 1974, the Oklahoma Lighting Energy Conservation Act and the Public Building Construction and Planning Act. The Chief Information Officer shall be authorized to delegate all or some of the procurement of information technology and telecommunication products and services and construction of facilities and telecommunication networks to another state entity if the Chief Information Officer determines it to be cost-effective and in the best interest of the state. The Chief Information Officer shall have authority to designate information technology and telecommunication contracts as statewide contracts and mandatory statewide contracts pursuant to Section 85.5 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes and to negotiate consolidation contracts, enterprise agreements and high technology systems contracts. contract entered into by a state agency for which the Chief Information Officer has not acted as the Information Technology and Telecommunications Purchasing Director as required in this subsection or subsection H of this section, shall be deemed to be

unenforceable and the Office of Management and Enterprise Services shall not process any claim associated with the provisions thereof.

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- J. The Chief Information Officer shall establish, implement, and enforce policies and procedure for the development and procurement of an interoperable radio communications system for state agencies. The Chief Information Officer shall work with local governmental entities in developing the interoperable radio communications system.
- K. The Chief Information Officer shall develop and implement a plan to utilize open source technology and products for the information technology and telecommunication systems of all state agencies.
- L. All state agencies and authorities of this state and all officers and employees of those entities shall work and cooperate with and lend assistance to the Chief Information Officer and the Information Services Division of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services and provide any and all information requested by the Chief Information Officer.
- M. The Chief Information Officer shall prepare an annual report detailing the ongoing net saving attributable to the reallocation and consolidation of information technology and telecommunication resources and personnel and shall submit the report to the Governor, the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives, and the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate.

N. For purposes of the Oklahoma Information Services Act, unless otherwise provided for, "state agencies" shall include any office, officer, bureau, board, commission, counsel, unit, division, body, authority or institution of the executive branch of state government, whether elected or appointed; provided, except with respect to the provisions of subsection D of this section, the term "state agencies" shall not include institutions within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education, the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and the telecommunications network known as OneNet.

O. As used in this section:

- 1. "High technology system" means advanced technological equipment, software, communication lines, and services for the processing, storing, and retrieval of information by a state agency;
- 2. "Consolidation contract" means a contract for several state or public agencies for the purpose of purchasing information technology and telecommunication goods and services; and
- 3. "Enterprise agreement" means an agreement for information technology or telecommunication goods and services with a supplier who manufactures, develops and designs products and provides services that are used by one or more state agencies.
- SECTION 10. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 2862, as last amended by Section 146, Chapter 452, O.S.L. 2024 (63 O.S. Supp. 2024, Section 2862), is amended to read as follows:

Section 2862. As used in the Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management Authority Act:

- 1. "Area served" means the geographic area which shall be served by the 9-1-1 emergency telephone service provided by the governing body of a county, municipality, part of a county or combination of such governing bodies;
- 2. "Authority" "Council" means the Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management

 Authority Emergency Communications Council created in Section 2863 6

 of this title act;
- 3. "Emergency telephone service" means any telephone system utilizing a three-digit number, nine-one-one (9-1-1), for reporting an emergency to the appropriate public agency providing law enforcement, fire, medical or other emergency services, including ancillary communications systems and personnel necessary to pass the reported emergency to the appropriate emergency service and personnel;
- 4. "Emergency telephone fee" means a fee to finance the operation of emergency telephone service;
- 5. "Governing body" means the board of county commissioners of a county, the city council, tribal authority or other governing body of a municipality, or a combination of such boards, councils or other municipal governing bodies including county or municipal beneficiary public trusts, or other public trusts which shall have an administering board;

6. "Landline telecommunications connection" means a ten-digit access number assigned to a customer that utilizes analog communications over a wired transmission line that travels underground or on telephone poles;

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- 7. "Local exchange telephone company" means any company providing exchange telephone services to any service user in this state, and shall include any competitive local exchange carrier as defined in Section 139.102 of Title 17 of the Oklahoma Statutes;
 - 8. "Next-generation 9-1-1" or "NG9-1-1" means an:
 - a. IP-based system comprised of hardware, software, data, and operational policies and procedures that:
 - (1) provides standardized interfaces from emergency call and message services to support emergency communications,
 - (2) processes all types of emergency calls, including voice, text, data and multimedia information,
 - (3) acquires and integrates additional emergency call data useful to call routing and handling,
 - (4) delivers the emergency calls, messages and data to the appropriate public safety answering point and other appropriate emergency entities,
 - (5) supports data or video communications needs for coordinated incident response and management, and

(6) provides broadband service to public safety answering points or other first responder entities, or

- b. IP-based system comprised of hardware, software, data and operational policies and procedures that conforms with subsequent amendments made to the definition of Next Generation 9-1-1 services in Public Law 112-96;
- 9. "9-1-1 emergency telephone service" means any telephone system whereby telephone subscribers may utilize a three-digit number (9-1-1) for reporting an emergency to the appropriate public agency providing law enforcement, fire, medical or other emergency services, including ancillary communications systems and personnel necessary to pass the reported emergency to the appropriate emergency service and which the wireless service provider is required to provide pursuant to the Federal Communications

 Commission Order 94-102 (961 Federal Register 40348);
- 10. "9-1-1 wireless telephone fee" means the fee imposed in Section 2865 of this title to finance the installation and operation of emergency 9-1-1 services and any necessary equipment;
- 11. "Person" means any service user, including, but not limited to, any individual, firm, partnership, co-partnership, joint venture, association, cooperative organization, private corporation, whether organized for profit or not, fraternal organization, nonprofit organization, estate, trust, business or common law trust,

1 receiver, assignee for the benefit of creditors, trustee or trustee in bankruptcy, the United States of America, the state, any political subdivision of the state, or any federal or state agency, 3 4 department, commission, board or bureau;

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- "Place of primary use" means the street address representative of where the use of the mobile telecommunications service of the customer primarily occurs, which shall be the residential street address or the primary business street address of the customer and shall be within the licensed service area of the home service provider in accordance with Section 55001 of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes and the federal Mobile Telecommunications Sourcing Act, P.L. No. 106-252, codified at 4 U.S.C. 116-126;
- "Prepaid wireless telecommunications service" means a telecommunications wireless service that provides the right to utilize mobile wireless service as well as other telecommunications services including the download of digital products delivered electronically, content and ancillary services, which are paid for in advance and sold in predetermined units or dollars of which the number declines with use in a known amount;
- "Proprietary information" means wireless service provider or VoIP service provider, subscriber, market share, cost and review information;
- 23 "Public agency" means any city, town, county, municipal corporation, public district, public trust, substate planning

district, public authority or tribal authority located within this
state which provides or has authority to provide firefighting, law
enforcement, ambulance, emergency medical or other emergency
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- 16. "Public safety answering point" or "PSAP" means an entity responsible for receiving 9-1-1 calls and processing those calls according to specific operational policy;
- 17. "Public safety telecommunicator" means a person who performs a public service by processing, analyzing, and dispatching calls for emergency assistance. The person is a first responder that provides pre-arrival instructions and has specialized training to mitigate the loss of life and property;
- 18. "Service user" means any person who is provided exchange telephone service in this state;
- 19. "Tariff rate" means the rate or rates billed by a local exchange telephone company stated in tariffs applicable for such company, as approved by the Oklahoma Corporation Commission, or the current equivalent of such rates, which represent the recurring charges of such local exchange telephone company for exchange telephone service or its equivalent, exclusive of all taxes, fees, licenses or similar charges whatsoever;
- 20. "Wireless service provider" means a provider of commercial mobile service under Section 332(d) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, 47 U.S.C., Section 151 et seq., Federal Communications

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- 2 | Pub. L. No. 103-66, and includes a provider of wireless two-way
- 3 | communication service, radio-telephone communications related to
- 4 | cellular telephone service, network radio access lines or the
- 5 equivalent, and personal communication service. The term does not
- 6 include a provider of:

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- a. a service whose users do not have access to 9-1-1
- 8 service,
- 9 b. a communication channel used only for data
- 10 transmission, or
- 11 c. a wireless roaming service or other nonlocal radio
- 12 access line service;
- 13 21. "Wireless telecommunications connection" means the ten-
- 14 digit access number assigned to a customer regardless of whether
- 15 more than one such number is aggregated for the purpose of billing a
- 16 | service user; and
- 17 | 22. "Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) provider" means a
- 18 provider of interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol service to
- 19 end users in the state, including resellers.
- 20 SECTION 11. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 2864, as
- 21 | last amended by Section 7, Chapter 258, O.S.L. 2023 (63 O.S. Supp.
- 22 2024, Section 2864), is amended to read as follows:
- 23 | Section 2864. The In addition to other powers and duties
- granted to the Oklahoma Emergency Communications Council in Section

6 of this act, powers and duties of the Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management

Authority created in Section 2863 of this title Council shall be to:

- 1. Approve or disapprove the selection of the Oklahoma 9-1-1

 Coordinator by majority vote of the members. The Authority shall

 direct the Oklahoma 9-1-1 Coordinator to administer grants approved

 by the Authority pursuant to this section and perform other duties

 as it deems necessary to accomplish the requirements of the Oklahoma

 9-1-1 Management Authority Act;
- 2. Prepare Consult with the Manager of the Oklahoma Emergency

 Communications Section regarding grant solicitations for funding for

 the purposes of assisting public agencies with funding for

 consolidation of facilities or services, deployment of Phase II

 technology or successor technology, development of next-generation

 9-1-1 regional emergency service networks, and for other purposes it

 deems appropriate and necessary;
- 3. Work in conjunction with the Oklahoma Department of

 Emergency Management and Homeland Security to create an annual

 budget for the Authority, which shall be approved by majority vote

 of the members;
- $4 \cdot 2 \cdot$ Direct the Oklahoma Tax Commission to escrow all or any portion of funds collected pursuant to the Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management Authority Act attributable to a public agency, if the public agency fails to:

a. submit or comply with master plans to deliver Next

Generation 9-1-1 (NG9-1-1) services as required by the

Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management Authority Act and approved

by the Authority Council. Local plans must align with

the State's Master plan to deploy NG9-1-1,

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- b. meet standards of the National Emergency Number Association (NENA) limited to call-taking and callerlocation technology or comply with an improvement plan to meet such standards as directed by the Authority Council,
- c. submit annual reports or audits as required by the Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management Authority Act,
- d. provide connectivity and interoperability between state, regional and local next-generation systems, or
- e. comply with the requirements of the Oklahoma 9-1-1

 Management Authority Act or procedures established by the Authority Council;
- 5. 3. Establish and submit to the Tax Commission a list of eligible governing bodies entitled to receive 9-1-1 telephone fees and establish annual population figures and square miles for the coverage area of the public safety answering points (PSAPs) for the purpose of distributing fees collected pursuant to Section 2865 of this title. Distribution of the net monthly revenue from 9-1-1 fees after the distributions established in Sections 2865, 2866, and 2867

of this title will be provided to eligible governing bodies established by this section as follows:

- a. a flat rate of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) per month per PSAP, and
- b. from the remaining balance:

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- (1) ten percent (10%) to be derived by dividing the land area covered by each public agency's response area by the total land area of the state, and
- (2) ninety percent (90%) to be derived by dividing the population of each public agency's response area by the total population of the state using data from the latest available Census estimates as of July 1 of each year;
- 6. 4. Assist any public agency the Authority Council determines is performing below NENA standards, as limited by paragraph 4 2 of this section, according to the improvement plan required by the Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management Authority Act. The Authority Council shall establish a time period for the public agency to come into compliance after which the Authority Council shall escrow funds as authorized in this section. Improvement plans may include consideration and recommendations for consolidation with other public agencies, and sharing equipment and technology with other jurisdictions;

- 7. 5. Require an annual report from public agencies regarding operations and financing of the public safety answering point (PSAP) and approve, modify or reject such reports;
- 8. 6. Conduct and review audits and financial records of the wireless service providers and review public agencies' audits and financial records regarding the collection, remittance and expenditures of 9-1-1 wireless telephone fees as required by the Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management Authority Act;
- 9. 7. Develop a master plan to deploy next-generation 9-1-1 services statewide. This will include the development of performance criteria critical to the function and performance of NG9-1-1 networks and systems;
- 13 <u>10. 8.</u> Establish rules for interoperability between state, 14 regional and local NG9-1-1 systems;
- 16 12. 10. Create and maintain best practices databases for PSAP

11. 9. Facilitate information-sharing among public agencies;

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- 18 <u>13.</u> <u>11.</u> Encourage equipment- and technology-sharing among all jurisdictions;
 - 14. 12. Develop training program standards for public safety telecommunicators for call taking. Training program standards shall include instruction on recognizing the need for and delivery of High-Quality Telecommunicator CPR (T-CPR) that can be delivered by 9-1-1 public safety telecommunicators for acute events requiring CPR

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    including, but not limited to, out-of-hospital cardiac events
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    entities involved in providing 9-1-1 emergency telephone services;
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        16. 14. Provide a clearinghouse of contact information for
    communications service companies and PSAPs operating in this state;
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        18. 16. Establish contracts for the necessary equipment and
    services to deliver 9-1-1 calls to the public safety answering
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    Section 2865), is amended to read as follows:
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        Section 2865. A. There shall be imposed a 9-1-1 telephone fee
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        1. One Dollar and twenty-five cents ($1.25) monthly on each
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    wireless telephone connection and other wireless communication
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- 2. One Dollar and twenty-five cents (\$1.25) monthly on each service with the ability to dial 9-1-1 for emergency calls, including landline; and
- 3. One Dollar and twenty-five cents (\$1.25) on each prepaid wireless retail transaction occurring in this state.
- B. 1. For purposes of paragraph 3 of subsection A of this section, a retail transaction that is effected in person by a consumer at a business location of the seller shall be treated as occurring in this state if that business location is in this state. Any other retail transaction shall be sourced as provided in paragraphs 2 through 5 of this subsection as applicable.
- 2. When the retail transaction does not occur at a business location of the seller, the retail transaction shall be sourced to the location where receipt by the consumer, or the consumer's donee, designated as such by the consumer, occurs, including the location indicated by instructions for delivery to the consumer or donee, known to the seller.
- 3. When the provisions of paragraph 2 of this subsection do not apply, the sale shall be sourced to the location indicated by an address for the consumer that is available from the business records of the seller that are maintained in the ordinary course of the seller's business when use of this address does not constitute bad faith.

4. When the provisions of paragraphs 2 and 3 of this subsection do not apply, the sale shall be sourced to the location indicated by an address for the consumer obtained during the consummation of the sale, including the address of a consumer's payment instrument, if no other address is available, when use of this address does not constitute bad faith.

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- 5. When none of the previous rules of paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 4 of this subsection apply, including the circumstance in which the seller is without sufficient information to apply the previous rules, then the location shall be determined by the address from which the service was provided, disregarding for these purposes any location that merely provided the digital transfer of the product sold. If the seller knows the mobile telephone number, the location will be that which is associated with the mobile telephone number.
- C. From each one-dollar-and-twenty-five-cent fee assessed and collected pursuant to subsection A of this section, twenty-two cents (\$0.22) shall be deposited into the Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management Authority Revolving Fund created pursuant to Section 2869 of this title. Funds accumulating in this revolving fund shall be used to fund the salary of the Oklahoma 9-1-1 Coordinator and any administrative staff, operations of the Authority Oklahoma Emergency Communications Council and the 9-1-1 Management Unit and any costs associated with the administration of the Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management Authority Act within the Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management

- 1 and Office of Homeland Security, and for grants approved by the
 2 Authority Council for purposes as authorized in the Oklahoma 9-1-1
 3 Management Authority Act.
- 4 SECTION 13. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 2866, as
 5 amended by Section 9, Chapter 258, O.S.L. 2023 (63 O.S. Supp. 2024,
 6 Section 2866), is amended to read as follows:

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- Section 2866. A. 9-1-1 telephone fees authorized and collected by providers, pursuant to paragraphs 1 and 2 of subsection A of Section 2865 of this title, from each of their end users residing in this state shall be paid to the Oklahoma Tax Commission no later than the twentieth day of the month succeeding the month of collection.
 - B. From the total fees collected pursuant to paragraphs 1 and 2 of subsection A of Section 2865 of this title, eight-tenths of one percent (0.8%) shall be retained by the Tax Commission as reimbursement for the direct cost of administering the collection and remittance of the fees.
 - C. Every billed service subscriber shall be liable for any 9-1-1 fee imposed pursuant to the Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management Authority

 Act until the fee has been paid to the service provider.
 - D. Fees imposed pursuant to the Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management
 Authority Act which are required to be collected by the provider may
 be added to and shall be stated separately in any billings to the
 service subscriber.

E. The provider shall have no obligation to take any legal action to enforce the collection of any fee imposed pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management Authority Act. Should any service subscriber tender a payment insufficient to satisfy all charges, tariffs, fees and taxes for the service, the amount tendered shall be credited to the 9-1-1 wireless telephone fee in the same manner as other taxes and fees.

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- F. Any 9-1-1 fee imposed pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management Authority Act shall be collected insofar as practicable at the same time as, and along with, the charges for the service in accordance with the regular billing practice of the provider.
- G. Nothing in the Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management Authority Act shall be construed to limit the ability of a provider from recovering its costs associated with designing, developing, deploying and maintaining enhanced 9-1-1 service directly from the service subscribers of the provider, whether the costs are itemized on the bill of the service subscriber as a surcharge or by any other lawful means.
- H. The provider shall maintain records of the amount of 9-1-1 telephone fees collected in accordance with the provisions of the Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management Authority Act for a period of three (3) years from the time the fee is collected. The State Auditor and Inspector, the Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management Authority Emergency

Communications Council or any affected public agency may require an annual audit of the books and records of the provider concerning the collection and remittance of fees authorized by the Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management Authority Act. Auditors shall have access to all information used by the provider to calculate and remit the 9-1-1 telephone fee. Audit expenses shall be reimbursable pursuant to procedures established by the Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management Authority

Emergency Communications Council if the audit is approved by the Authority Council.

- I. The provider shall provide to the Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management Authority Emergency Communications Council an annual census showing the primary place of use of its subscribers located by county and either a municipality or unincorporated area. The census shall contain all subscribers as of December 31 of each year, and shall be provided to the Authority Council no later than February 1 of each year.
- J. All proprietary information provided by a provider to the Authority Council shall not be subject to disclosure to the public or any other party.
- K. Within thirty (30) days of receipt, the Oklahoma Tax

 Commission shall pay available fees remitted pursuant to Section

 2865 of this title to the governing bodies that the Oklahoma 9-1-1

 Management Authority Emergency Communications Council has certified in accordance with Section 2864 of this title as eligible to receive

funds. The share to be paid to or escrowed for each governing body

shall be determined by the formula provided for in paragraph 5 of

Section 2864 of this title.

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- L. The Oklahoma Tax Commission shall provide the 9-1-1

 Management Authority Unit a monthly report showing the 9-1-1

 wireless fee deposits including the name of the provider and the amount of each deposit. Upon request the 9-1-1 Authority Management

 Unit may request telephone or mailing address information of the provider.
- SECTION 14. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 2867, as amended by Section 10, Chapter 258, O.S.L. 2023 (63 O.S. Supp. 2024, Section 2867), is amended to read as follows:
 - Section 2867. A. Prepaid 9-1-1 wireless transaction fees authorized and collected pursuant to paragraph 3 of subsection A of Section 2865 of this title from retailers shall be paid to the Oklahoma Tax Commission under procedures established by the Tax Commission that substantially coincide with the registration and payment procedures that apply under the Oklahoma Sales Tax Code and as directed by the Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management Authority. The audit and appeal procedures, including limitations period, applicable to the Oklahoma Sales Tax Code shall apply to prepaid 9-1-1 wireless telephone fees.
 - B. From the total fees collected pursuant to paragraph 3 of subsection A of Section 2865 of this title, eight-tenths of one

percent (0.8%) shall be retained by the Tax Commission as reimbursement for the direct cost of administering the collection and remittance of such fees.

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- The prepaid 9-1-1 wireless transaction fee shall be collected by the retailer from the consumer for each retail transaction occurring in this state. The amount of the prepaid 9-1-1 wireless fee shall either be separately stated on the invoice, receipt or similar document that is provided to the consumer by the seller, or otherwise disclosed to the consumer.
- The prepaid 9-1-1 wireless telephone fee is the liability of D. the consumer and not of the seller or of any provider, except that the seller shall be liable to remit all prepaid 9-1-1 wireless telephone fees that the seller collects as provided in this section, including all charges that the seller is deemed to collect where the amount of the fee has not been separately stated on an invoice, receipt or other similar document.
- If the amount of the prepaid 9-1-1 wireless telephone fee is separately stated on the invoice, receipt or similar document, the prepaid 9-1-1 wireless telephone fee shall not be included in the base for measuring any tax, fee, surcharge or other charge that is imposed by the state, any political subdivision of this state or any intergovernmental agency.
- 23 The Oklahoma Tax Commission shall provide the 9-1-1 F. Management Authority Unit with a monthly report showing the 9-1-1

- wireless fee deposits including the name of the provider and the
 amount of each deposit. Upon request the 9-1-1 Authority Management
 Unit may request telephone or mailing address information of the
 provider.
- SECTION 15. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 2868, as amended by Section 4, Chapter 49, O.S.L. 2023 (63 O.S. Supp. 2024, Section 2868), is amended to read as follows:

- Section 2868. A. Public agencies recognized by the Oklahoma 91-1 Management Authority Emergency Communications Council and
 authorized to receive funds collected pursuant to the provisions of
 the Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management Authority Act shall use the funds only
 for services, equipment and operations related to 9-1-1 emergency
 telephone services.
- B. The 9-1-1 Management Authority Oklahoma Emergency

 Communications Council will oversee all 9-1-1 fees collected by this act. The Authority Council may order the Oklahoma Tax Commission to escrow fees attributable to public agencies which have misspent, diverted or supplanted 9-1-1 collected fees to a purpose other than what is authorized by this act.
- C. Money remitted to public agencies pursuant to the Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management Authority Act and any money otherwise collected by any lawful means for purposes of providing 9-1-1 emergency telephone services shall be deposited in a separate 9-1-1 emergency telephone service account established by a public agency or its governing body

to carry out the requirements of the Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management Authority Act. Monies remaining in such accounts at the end of a fiscal year shall carry over to subsequent years. The monies deposited in the Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management Authority Revolving Fund shall at no time be monies of the state and shall not become part of the general budget of the Office of Emergency Management Homeland Security or any other state agency. Except as otherwise authorized by the Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management Authority Act, no monies from the Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management Authority Revolving Fund shall be transferred for any purpose to any other state agency or any account of the Office of Emergency Management Homeland Security or be used for the purpose of contracting with any other state agency or reimbursing any other state agency for any expense. Payments from the Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management Authority Revolving Fund shall not become or be construed to be any obligation of the state. No claims for reimbursement from the Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management Authority Revolving Fund shall be paid with state monies.

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Emergency Communications Council determines that the public agency
has failed to deploy Phase II service, failed to meet the State
master plan for NG9-1-1 services or has failed to deliver service
consistent with National Emergency Number Association (NENA)
standards, the public agency shall submit an improvement plan within
the time prescribed by the Authority Council. The Authority Council

may order the Oklahoma Tax Commission to escrow fees attributable to public agencies which have not submitted plans or complied with improvement plans.

- E. A public agency shall be required to have conducted separately or as a part of the annual audit required by law of the municipality or county an annual audit of any accounts established or used for the operation of a 9-1-1 emergency telephone system.

 The audit may be conducted by the State Auditor and Inspector at the discretion of the public agency. The cost of the audit of the 9-1-1 emergency telephone system may be paid from and be considered a part of the operating expenses of the 9-1-1 emergency telephone system.

 Proprietary information of the wireless service providers shall be confidential. Audit information pertaining to revenue collected or disbursed may be released only in aggregate form so that no provider-specific information may be extrapolated.
- F. Public agencies shall be required to annually submit to the Authority 9-1-1 Management Unit:
- 1. A report, on a form to be prescribed by the Authority 9-1-1 Management Unit, covering the operation and financing of the public safety answering point which shall include all sources of funding available to the public agency for the 9-1-1 emergency telephone system; and

2. A copy of the most recent annual audit or budget showing all expenses of the public agency relating to the 9-1-1 emergency telephone system.

- G. The Authority Oklahoma Emergency Communications Council, or designee, shall have the power to review, approve, submit for further information or deny approval of the annual report of each public agency required pursuant to subsection F of this section.

 Failure by a public agency to submit the report annually or denial of a report may cause the Authority Oklahoma Emergency

 Communications Council to order the Tax Commission to escrow the 9-1-1 emergency telephone fees due to the public agency until the public agency complies with the requirements of the Oklahoma 9-1-1

 Management Authority Act and the procedures established by the Authority Council.
- SECTION 16. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 2869, is amended to read as follows:

Section 2869. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund for the Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management Office of Homeland Security, to be designated the "Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management Authority Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of all monies received by the Oklahoma Tax Commission from fees designated for support of 9-1-1 emergency services. All monies accruing to the credit of the fund are hereby appropriated and may

- 1 be budgeted and expended by the Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management Office of Homeland Security upon approval by the Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management Authority Homeland Security Advisor for the purpose 3 4 of supporting the administration of the Authority Oklahoma Emergency 5 Communications Council and the 9-1-1 Management Unit; effecting the purposes of the 9-1-1 Management Authority Act; and providing grants 6 7 to public agencies providing 9-1-1 services. Expenditures from the fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the State Treasurer 8 9 against claims filed as prescribed by law with the Director of the 10 Office of Management and Enterprise Services for approval and 11 payment.
- 12 SECTION 17. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 2871, as
 13 amended by Section 12, Chapter 258, O.S.L. 2023 (63 O.S. Supp. 2024,
 14 Section 2871), is amended to read as follows:
- Section 2871. A. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Regional Emergency 9-1-1 Services Act".

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- B. It is the purpose of the Regional Emergency 9-1-1 Services
 Act to encourage formation of emergency communication districts in
 order to provide efficient delivery of emergency 9-1-1 service
 throughout the state.
- C. The Regional Emergency 9-1-1 Services Act shall not apply to any 9-1-1 system or public agency participating in a 9-1-1 system that was established prior to January 1, 2017, and that had adopted Phase II 9-1-1 service by that date.

- D. A new public safety answering point shall not be established after July 1, 2024, unless the new public safety answering point is established as a result of:
- 1. A consolidation with an existing public safety answering point; or
 - 2. A replacement of an existing public safety answering point.
 - E. For the purposes of this section:

- 1. "District" means an emergency communication district;
- 2. "Emergency communication district" means a district formed pursuant to the Regional Emergency 9-1-1 Services Act to deliver emergency 9-1-1 services on a regional basis;
- 3. "9-1-1 system" means an entity that processes emergency 9-1-1 calls through a public safety answering point;
 - 4. "Participating public agency" means a public agency that is included in a district;
 - 5. "Principal municipality" means the municipality with the largest population in a district; and
 - 6. "Public agency" means any city, town, county, municipal corporation, public district, public trust, substate planning district, public authority or tribal authority located within this state which provides or has authority to provide firefighting, law enforcement, ambulance, emergency medical or other emergency services.

F. On or before December 31, 2017, all public agencies in this state shall form regional emergency communication districts for the purpose of creating an area-wide emergency 9-1-1 system for their respective jurisdictions. The territory of the district shall be coextensive with the territory of the regional substate planning district unless a different territory is approved by the Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management Authority Oklahoma Emergency Communications Council.

If a public agency is situated in more than one such territory, it shall become part of the district in which it is principally located. If, due to the effect of subsection C of this section, the majority of the participating public agencies located in the territory of a proposed district determine that it would be in the best interests of their citizens, they may request inclusion in an adjacent district.

- G. The public agencies to be included in each district may form the district by entering into local cooperative agreements which shall establish a governance structure and provide for the joint implementation, funding, operation, and management of the district.
- H. If the public agencies in a region are unable to develop a local cooperative agreement by December 31, 2017, they shall be included in an emergency communication district that is governed by a board of directors consisting of an appointee by each public agency that was authorized by its voters to fund a 9-1-1 system prior to the formation of the district, one appointee elected by a

majority of the remaining public agencies in the district, and an additional appointee by the principal municipality in the district who shall serve as chair of the board.

- I. Unless otherwise provided by agreement, any participating public agency that had been authorized by its voters to fund a 9-1-1 system prior to the formation of the district shall retain control of the property, operation, and funding of its system; provided, however, the district may contract with such participating public agency to include the agency's system in the district's master implementation plan. To the extent practicable, the district shall not duplicate the equipment or answering point services already provided by a participating public agency. A user of one or more communication services subject to the payment of fees or taxes for an emergency 9-1-1 system shall not be charged for more than one such fee or tax for each service.
- J. An emergency communication district shall have power to make all contracts to carry out the purposes of the Regional Emergency 9-1-1 Services Act, purchase and convey real property, impose service fees authorized for public agencies for the provision of 9-1-1 service, appoint a manager of the district, and adopt rules and policies for the operation of the district.
- K. Within one (1) year after the effective date of the formation of the district, the board of directors shall submit its master plan to deliver Phase II emergency 9-1-1 service throughout

- its territory to the Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management Authority Emergency

 Communications Council for approval. The Authority Council shall

 have the power to prescribe the terms of the plan and to approve or

 disapprove the master plan. Additionally, the Authority Council

 shall have the power to request the Tax Commission to escrow the

 wireless fees attributable to the public agencies which have not

 submitted a master plan or which have not complied with the terms of
 - L. An emergency communication district shall operate on a fiscal year beginning July 1. It shall adopt an annual budget and cause to be prepared an independent financial audit annually. As soon as practicable after the end of the fiscal year, the district shall deliver to each participating public agency an annual report showing in detail the operations of the district.

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- 15 SECTION 18. AMENDATORY Section 2, Chapter 258, O.S.L.
 16 2023 (63 O.S. Supp. 2024, Section 2872), is amended to read as
 17 follows:
 - Section 2872. A. The Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management Authority Unit shall maintain an online training platform for 9-1-1 emergency telecommunicators in this state.
 - B. The Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management Authority Unit shall create, maintain, and certify a list of qualified online and in-person training programs that include the basic requirements for a 9-1-1 emergency telecommunicator as well as coordinate and collaborate

with local and regional 9-1-1 training authorities. Classes shall
be a minimum of forty (40) hours in length and include instruction
for basic call handling and dispatch services. The Oklahoma 9-1-1

Management Authority Emergency Communications Council shall

establish hourly training requirements on a yearly basis.

- C. On or before July 1, 2024, emergency telecommunicators in this state that provide dispatch service for emergency medical services shall complete, either in-person or virtually, a forty-hour state-recognized training course for basic call handling and dispatch services.
 - D. Any new emergency telecommunicator hired after January 1, 2024, shall complete, either in-person or virtually, a forty-hour state-recognized training course for basic call handling and dispatch services within six (6) months of his or her hire date.
 - E. On or before July 1, 2024, emergency telecommunicators in this state that provide dispatch service for emergency medical services shall complete, either in-person or virtually, a state- or nationally recognized telecommunicator CPR training course.

 Telecommunicator CPR training shall follow evidence-based, nationally recognized guidelines for High-Quality Telecommunicator CPR which incorporates recognition protocols for out-of-hospital cardiac events.
- SECTION 19. REPEALER 63 O.S. 2021, Section 2863, is hereby repealed.

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