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3 SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION  
4 FOR

5 HOUSE BILL NO. 2710

6 By: Ford

7 SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

8 An Act relating to emergency communications; creating  
9 the Oklahoma Emergency Communications Act; defining  
10 terms; creating the 9-1-1 Management Unit; requiring  
11 Homeland Security Advisor make certain appointments;  
12 authorizing certain expenditures; transferring  
13 certain personnel, records, and property; stating  
14 certain funds shall be appropriated or allocated;  
15 authorizing the transfer of certain funds; creating  
16 the Oklahoma Emergency Communications Section;  
17 requiring certain officers be available as a  
18 resource; authorizing the reception of certain items;  
19 directing deposit of certain funds; authorizing the  
20 transfer of title of certain assets; making certain  
21 exemption; requiring certain assistance at no cost to  
22 effectuate transfers; directing deposit of certain  
23 funds; authorizing the promulgation, adoption and  
24 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,

1 as amended by Section 1, Chapter 193, O.S.L. 2024 (62  
2 O.S. Supp. 2024, Section 34.11.1), which relates to  
3 Chief Information Officer; requiring Chief  
4 Information Officer seek guidance for certain  
5 purchases; amending 63 O.S. 2021, Section 2862, as  
6 last amended by Section 146, Chapter 452, O.S.L. 2024  
7 (63 O.S. Supp. 2024, Section 2862), which relates to  
8 definitions; modifying definition; amending 63 O.S.  
9 2021, Section 2864, as last amended by Section 7,  
10 Chapter 258, O.S.L. 2023 (63 O.S. Supp. 2024, Section  
11 2864), which relates to powers and duties; modifying  
12 responsible agency; modifying powers and duties;  
13 amending 63 O.S. 2021, Section 2865, as amended by  
14 Section 8, Chapter 258, O.S.L. 2023 (63 O.S. Supp.  
15 2024, Section 2865), which relates to fees; modifying  
16 responsible entity; amending 63 O.S. 2021, Section  
17 2866, as amended by Section 9, Chapter 258, O.S.L.  
18 2023 (63 O.S. Supp. 2024, Section 2866), which  
19 relates to the collection, payment and distribution  
20 of fees; modifying responsible entity; amending 63  
21 O.S. 2021, Section 2867, as amended by Section 10,  
22 Chapter 258, O.S.L. 2023 (63 O.S. Supp. 2024, Section  
23 2867), which relates to the collection, payment and  
24 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  
Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management Authority; providing for  
codification; and providing an effective date.

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

1 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2880 of Title 63, unless there  
3 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Oklahoma  
5 Emergency Communications Act".

6 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
7 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2864a of Title 63, unless there  
8 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

9 A. There is hereby created the 9-1-1 Management Unit, which  
10 shall be a unit of the Oklahoma Emergency Communications Section.

11 B. The Homeland Security Advisor shall appoint the Oklahoma 9-  
12 1-1 Coordinator, subordinates, and employees. The Homeland Security  
13 Advisor may make such expenditures with appropriated funds, or from  
14 such other available funds as may be necessary to carry out the  
15 purposes of the 9-1-1 Management Authority Act and other programs  
16 specified by law.

17 C. As of the effective date of this act, all personnel employed  
18 by the Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management Authority are hereby transferred to  
19 the 9-1-1 Management Unit of the Oklahoma Emergency Communications  
20 Section.

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

1 E. Funds sufficient to support the transfer of powers, duties,  
2 responsibilities, and personnel shall be appropriated or allocated  
3 to the Department of Public Safety for fiscal year 2026 and  
4 thereafter. The Office of Management and Enterprise Services is  
5 hereby authorized to transfer such funds as may be necessary to  
6 effect such allocations.

7 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
8 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2881 of Title 63, unless there  
9 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

10 As used in the Oklahoma Emergency Communications Act:

- 11 1. "FCC" means the Federal Communications Commission;
- 12 2. "Oklahoma Emergency Communications System" is the radio and  
13 communications system operated by the Oklahoma Emergency  
14 Communications Section, as established by Section 7 of this act.
- 15 3. "9-1-1 Management Unit" is a unit of the Oklahoma Emergency  
16 Communications Section as established by Section 2 of this act.

17 SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
18 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2882 of Title 63, unless there  
19 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

20 A. There is hereby created the Oklahoma Emergency  
21 Communications Section, which shall be a section of the Oklahoma  
22 Office of Homeland Security.

23 B. The Homeland Security Advisor shall appoint a Manager of the  
24 Oklahoma Emergency Communications Section, subordinates, and

1 employees. The Homeland Security Advisor may make such expenditures  
2 with appropriated funds, or from such other available funds as may  
3 be necessary to carry out the purposes of the Oklahoma Emergency  
4 Communications Act and other programs specified by law.

5 C. All Tower Maintenance Officers of the Department of Public  
6 Safety shall be available as a resource to the Oklahoma Emergency  
7 Communications Section to support the Oklahoma Emergency  
8 Communications System.

9 D. The Homeland Security Advisor is authorized to receive gifts  
10 or transfers of funds, equipment, infrastructure, and services in  
11 support of the Oklahoma Emergency Communications System. All  
12 amounts collected shall be deposited in the State Treasury to the  
13 credit of the Oklahoma Emergency Communications Restricted Revolving  
14 Fund created by Section 8 of this act.

15 E. The Homeland Security Advisor may transfer title to any  
16 assets of the Oklahoma Emergency Communications System to a  
17 municipality, county, state agency, or other public, private, or  
18 nonprofit entity. The Homeland Security Advisor shall be exempt  
19 from the Oklahoma Surplus Property Act for purposes of selling or  
20 disposing of assets of the Oklahoma Emergency Communications System  
21 or any improvements thereon. The Office of Management and  
22 Enterprise Services shall be available, at no cost to the Oklahoma  
23 Emergency Communications Section, to assist the Homeland Security  
24 Advisor with the process of effectuating transfers of assets of the

1 Oklahoma Emergency Communications System, including, but not limited  
2 to, preparation of necessary contracts, conveyances, leases,  
3 easements, or other agreements. Proceeds from the sale, lease, or  
4 transfer of any assets of the Oklahoma Emergency Communications  
5 System shall be deposited in the Oklahoma Emergency Communications  
6 Restricted Revolving Fund created in Section 8 of this act.

7 F. The Homeland Security Advisor, with advice and consultation  
8 of the Oklahoma Emergency Communications Council, is hereby  
9 authorized to promulgate, adopt, and enforce such rules as may be  
10 necessary to carry out the powers and duties assigned, by this  
11 title, to the Oklahoma Emergency Communications Council, the  
12 Oklahoma Emergency Communications Section, and the 9-1-1 Management  
13 Unit.

14 SECTION 5. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
15 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2883 of Title 63, unless there  
16 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

17 A. There is hereby created the Oklahoma Emergency  
18 Communications Council. The purpose of the Council is to advise and  
19 assist the Oklahoma Emergency Communications Section in setting  
20 goals, objectives, and priorities for the oversight, development,  
21 and regulation of the State Emergency Communications Systems.

22 B. The Oklahoma Statewide Interoperability Governing Body, as  
23 it currently exists under the Oklahoma Office of Homeland Security,  
24 is hereby abolished. As of the effective date of this act, the

1 Oklahoma Emergency Communications Council shall serve as the  
2 Oklahoma Statewide Interoperability Governing Body.

3 C. The Council shall be composed of the following twenty (20)  
4 members:

5 1. The Oklahoma Homeland Security Advisor, or designee;

6 2. The Oklahoma Statewide Interoperability Coordinator;

7 3. One member representing the Oklahoma Department of  
8 Transportation to be appointed by the Secretary of Transportation;

9 4. One member representing the Grand River Dam Authority to be  
10 appointed by the Grand River Dam Authority Board of Directors;

11 5. One member representing the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority to  
12 be appointed by the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority Board of Directors;

13 6. One member representing forestry and state fire response to  
14 be appointed by the Oklahoma Commissioner of Agriculture;

15 7. The Chief Information Officer for the state, or designee;

16 8. One member representing a statewide organization dedicated  
17 to representing municipal law enforcement to be appointed by the  
18 Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives;

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

22 10. One member representing a statewide organization dedicated  
23 to representing fire service to be appointed by the Governor;

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1 11. One member representing a statewide organization dedicated  
2 to representing Oklahoma municipalities to be appointed by the  
3 Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives;

4 12. One member representing a statewide organization  
5 representing Oklahoma county commissioners to be appointed by the  
6 President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate;

7 13. One member representing a statewide organization  
8 representing emergency medical services to be appointed by the  
9 Governor;

10 14. One member representing a city that owns radio  
11 infrastructure and allows state users to utilize the system for day-  
12 to-day operations, to be appointed by the Speaker of the Oklahoma  
13 House of Representatives;

14 15. One member representing a county that owns radio  
15 infrastructure and allows state users to utilize the system for day  
16 to day operations, to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of  
17 the Oklahoma State Senate;

18 16. One member representing a city that operates a 9-1-1  
19 system, to be appointed by the Governor;

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

23 18. One member who is a 9-1-1 coordinator for a county with a  
24 population of less than twenty thousand (20,000) according to the

1 latest Federal Decennial Census to be appointed by the President Pro  
2 Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate;

3 19. One member who is a 9-1-1 coordinator for a county with a  
4 population of more than twenty thousand (20,000) according to the  
5 latest Federal Decennial Census to be appointed by the Speaker of  
6 the House of Representatives; and

7 20. One member representing federally recognized tribes in  
8 Oklahoma that owns radio infrastructure, allowing state users to  
9 utilize the system for day-to-day operations, and operates a 9-1-1  
10 system, to be appointed by the Governor.

11 D. Members shall serve at the pleasure of his or her appointing  
12 authority and vacancies shall be filled by the original appointing  
13 authority. Each Council member should be reaffirmed every two (2)  
14 years from the date of the appointment.

15 E. Members shall receive no compensation for serving on the  
16 Council.

17 F. The members of the Council shall be reimbursed for mileage  
18 or actual travel expenses, whichever is less, to attend regular and  
19 special meetings when the travel exceeds fifty (50) miles from his  
20 or her home or business, whichever is closer to the meeting  
21 location.

22 G. The Oklahoma Emergency Communications Section shall provide  
23 administrative, fiscal and staff support for the Council.

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1 SECTION 6. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2884 of Title 63, unless there  
3 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

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

6 1. Prepare grant solicitations for funding to assist public  
7 agencies in joining a statewide shared system, this includes both  
8 infrastructure and radio subscribers;

9 2. Approve contracts necessary to administer and maintain the  
10 emergency radio systems owned by the State of Oklahoma;

11 3. Establish a strategic plan for the state radio system to  
12 ensure optimal operability and interoperability for all public  
13 safety responders in the state;

14 4. Establish guidelines for interoperability between state,  
15 regional and local NG9-1-1 systems;

16 5. Facilitate the creation of policy and procedures between  
17 state and local agencies related to radio communications;

18 6. Encourage equipment and technology sharing among all  
19 jurisdictions;

20 9. Facilitate data operability and interoperability between  
21 public safety systems;

22 10. Provide oversight of the programming of the systems and  
23 radios, including any software or keys necessary to operate on the  
24 state radio systems;

1 11. Recommend standards to become P25 compliant and other  
2 common radio interoperability standards; and

3 12. Enable cost savings to the State of Oklahoma through  
4 unification and enhancement of current land mobile radio public  
5 safety systems.

6 SECTION 7. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
7 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2885 of Title 63, unless there  
8 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

9 A. There is hereby created the Oklahoma Emergency  
10 Communications System, which shall consist of all state-owned radio  
11 infrastructure, including tower infrastructure, owned and operated  
12 by the Oklahoma Department of Public Safety.

13 B. The Oklahoma Emergency Communications Section shall have  
14 exclusive jurisdiction, custody, responsibility, and control over  
15 the Oklahoma Emergency Communications System, including, but not  
16 limited to, all construction, repair, maintenance, modification,  
17 use, improvement, management, and operation of the System.

18 SECTION 8. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
19 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2886 of Title 63, unless there  
20 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

21 A. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a restricted  
22 revolving fund for the Oklahoma Emergency Communications Section to  
23 be designated the "Oklahoma Emergency Communications Restricted  
24 Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject

1 to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of all monies received  
2 to effectuate the purpose and in furtherance of the Oklahoma  
3 Emergency Communications Act from:

- 4 1. Reimbursements, grants, or other monies received from other  
5 state agencies and entities of state government;
- 6 2. Grant awards for support of emergency communications;
- 7 3. Gifts, donations, and bequests;
- 8 4. Monies appropriated or apportioned by the state; and
- 9 5. The proceeds from the sale or lease of any infrastructure or  
10 equipment owned or operated by the Oklahoma Emergency Communications  
11 Section.

12 B. All monies accruing to the credit of the fund are hereby  
13 appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the Oklahoma  
14 Emergency Communications Section upon approval by the Homeland  
15 Security Advisor for:

- 16 1. Personnel and operating expenses of the Oklahoma Emergency  
17 Communications Section;
- 18 2. Administrative duties in support of the Oklahoma Emergency  
19 Communications Section and the Oklahoma Emergency Communications  
20 Council;
- 21 3. Procurement, construction, repair, maintenance,  
22 modification, use, improvement, management, and operation of the  
23 Oklahoma Emergency Communications System; and

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1 4. Any other expense associated with carrying out the purposes  
2 of the Oklahoma Emergency Communications Act.

3 C. Expenditures from the fund shall be made upon warrants  
4 issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by  
5 law with the Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise  
6 Services for approval and payment.

7 SECTION 9. AMENDATORY 62 O.S. 2021, Section 34.11.1, as  
8 amended by Section 1, Chapter 193, O.S.L. 2024 (62 O.S. Supp. 2024,  
9 Section 34.11.1), is amended to read as follows:

10 Section 34.11.1. A. There is hereby created the position of  
11 Chief Information Officer who shall be appointed by the Governor.  
12 The Chief Information Officer, in addition to having authority over  
13 the Information Services Division of the Office of Management and  
14 Enterprise Services, shall also serve as Secretary of Information  
15 Technology and Telecommunications or successor cabinet position and  
16 shall have jurisdictional areas of responsibility related to  
17 information technology and telecommunications systems of all state  
18 agencies as provided for in state law. The salary of the Chief  
19 Information Officer shall not be less than One Hundred Thirty  
20 Thousand Dollars (\$130,000.00) or more than One Hundred Sixty  
21 Thousand Dollars (\$160,000.00).

22 B. Any person appointed to the position of Chief Information  
23 Officer shall meet the following eligibility requirements:

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- 1        1. A baccalaureate degree in Computer Information Systems,  
2 Information Systems or Technology Management, Business  
3 Administration, Finance, or other similar degree;
- 4        2. A minimum of ten (10) years of professional experience with  
5 responsibilities for management and support of information systems  
6 and information technology, including seven (7) years of direct  
7 management of a major information technology operation;
- 8        3. Familiarity with local and wide-area network design,  
9 implementation, and operation;
- 10       4. Experience with data and voice convergence service  
11 offerings;
- 12       5. Experience in developing technology budgets;
- 13       6. Experience in developing requests for proposal and  
14 administering the bid process;
- 15       7. Experience managing professional staff, teams, and  
16 consultants;
- 17       8. Knowledge of telecommunications operations;
- 18       9. Ability to develop and set strategic direction for  
19 information technology and telecommunications and to manage daily  
20 development and operations functions;
- 21       10. An effective communicator who is able to build consensus;
- 22       11. Ability to analyze and resolve complex issues, both logical  
23 and interpersonal;

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1 12. Effective verbal and written communications skills and  
2 effective presentation skills, geared toward coordination and  
3 education;

4 13. Ability to negotiate and defuse conflict; and

5 14. A self-motivator, independent, cooperative, flexible and  
6 creative.

7 C. The salary and any other expenses for the Chief Information  
8 Officer shall be budgeted as a separate line item through the Office  
9 of Management and Enterprise Services. The operating expenses of  
10 the Information Services Division shall be set by the Chief  
11 Information Officer and shall be budgeted as a separate line item  
12 through the Office of Management and Enterprise Services. The  
13 Office of Management and Enterprise Services shall provide adequate  
14 office space, equipment and support necessary to enable the Chief  
15 Information Officer to carry out the information technology and  
16 telecommunications duties and responsibilities of the Chief  
17 Information Officer and the Information Services Division.

18 D. 1. Within twelve (12) months of appointment, the first  
19 Chief Information Officer shall complete an assessment, which shall  
20 be modified annually pursuant to Section 35.5 of this title, of the  
21 implementation of the transfer, coordination, and modernization of  
22 all information technology and telecommunication systems of all  
23 state agencies in the state as provided for in the Oklahoma  
24 Information Services Act. The assessment shall include the

1 information technology and telecommunications systems of all  
2 institutions within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education,  
3 the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and the  
4 telecommunications network known as OneNet as assembled and  
5 submitted by the Oklahoma Higher Education Chief Information  
6 Officer, as designated by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher  
7 Education.

8 2. Within twelve (12) months of appointment, the first Chief  
9 Information Officer shall issue a report setting out a plan of  
10 action which will include the following:

- 11 a. define the shared service model organization structure  
12 and the reporting relationship of the recommended  
13 organization,
- 14 b. the implementation of an information technology and  
15 telecommunications shared services model that defines  
16 the statewide infrastructure environment needed by  
17 most state agencies that is not specific to individual  
18 agencies and the shared applications that are utilized  
19 across multiple agencies,
- 20 c. define the services that shall be in the shared  
21 services model under the control of the Information  
22 Services Division of the Office of Management and  
23 Enterprise Services,

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- 1 d. define the roadmap to implement the proposed shared  
2 services model. The roadmap shall include  
3 recommendations on the transfer, coordination, and  
4 modernization of all information technology and  
5 telecommunication systems of all the state agencies in  
6 the state,
- 7 e. recommendations on the reallocation of information  
8 technology and telecommunication resources and  
9 personnel,
- 10 f. a cost benefit analysis to support the recommendations  
11 on the reallocation of information technology and  
12 telecommunication resources and personnel,
- 13 g. a calculation of the net savings realized through the  
14 reallocation and consolidation of information  
15 technology and telecommunication resources and  
16 personnel after compensating for the cost of  
17 contracting with a private consultant as authorized in  
18 paragraph 4 of this subsection, implementing the plan  
19 of action, and ongoing costs of the Information  
20 Services Division of the Office of Management and  
21 Enterprise Services, and
- 22 h. the information required in subsection B of Section  
23 35.5 of this title.  
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1           3. The plan of action report shall be presented to the  
2 Governor, Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives, and the  
3 President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate.

4           4. The Chief Information Officer may contract with a private  
5 consultant or consultants to assist in the assessment and  
6 development of the plan of action report as required in this  
7 subsection.

8           E. The Chief Information Officer shall be authorized to employ  
9 personnel, fix the duties and compensation of the personnel, not  
10 otherwise prescribed by law, and otherwise direct the work of the  
11 personnel in performing the function and accomplishing the purposes  
12 of the Information Services Division of the Office of Management and  
13 Enterprise Services.

14           F. The Information Services Division of the Office of  
15 Management and Enterprise Services shall be responsible for the  
16 following duties:

17           1. Formulate and implement the information technology strategy  
18 for all state agencies;

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

22           3. Direct the development and operation of a scalable  
23 telecommunications infrastructure that supports data and voice  
24 communications reliability, integrity, and security;

- 1       4. Supervise the applications development process for those  
2 applications that are utilized across multiple agencies;
- 3       5. Provide direction for the professional development of  
4 information technology staff of state agencies and oversee the  
5 professional development of the staff of the Information Services  
6 Division of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services;
- 7       6. Evaluate all technology and telecommunication investment  
8 choices for all state agencies;
- 9       7. Create a plan to ensure alignment of current systems, tools,  
10 and processes with the strategic information technology plan for all  
11 state agencies;
- 12       8. Set direction and provide oversight for the support and  
13 continuous upgrading of the current information technology and  
14 telecommunication infrastructure in the state in support of enhanced  
15 reliability, user service levels, and security;
- 16       9. Direct the development, implementation, and management of  
17 appropriate standards, policies and procedures to ensure the success  
18 of state information technology and telecommunication initiatives;
- 19       10. Recruit, hire and transfer the required technical staff in  
20 the Information Services Division of the Office of Management and  
21 Enterprise Services to support the services provided by the Division  
22 and the execution of the strategic information technology plan;
- 23       11. Establish, maintain, and enforce information technology and  
24 telecommunication standards;

1 12. Delegate, coordinate, and review all work to ensure quality  
2 and efficient operation of the Information Services Division of the  
3 Office of Management and Enterprise Services;

4 13. Create and implement a communication plan that disseminates  
5 pertinent information to state agencies on standards, policies,  
6 procedures, service levels, project status, and other important  
7 information to customers of the Information Services Division of the  
8 Office of Management and Enterprise Services and provide for agency  
9 feedback and performance evaluation by customers of the Division;

10 14. Develop and implement training programs for state agencies  
11 using the shared services of the Information Services Division of  
12 the Office of Management and Enterprise Services and recommend  
13 training programs to state agencies on information technology and  
14 telecommunication systems, products and procedures;

15 15. Provide counseling, performance evaluation, training,  
16 motivation, discipline, and assign duties for employees of the  
17 Information Services Division of the Office of Management and  
18 Enterprise Services;

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

- 23 a. a purchase less than or equal to Five Thousand Dollars  
24 (\$5,000.00) if such product is purchased using a state

1 purchase card and the product is listed on either the  
2 Approved Hardware or Approved Software list located on  
3 the Office of Management and Enterprise Services  
4 website, or

- 5 b. a purchase over Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) and  
6 less than or equal to Twenty-five Thousand Dollars  
7 (\$25,000.00) if such product is purchased using a  
8 state purchase card, the product is listed on an  
9 information technology or telecommunications statewide  
10 contract, and the product is listed on either the  
11 Approved Hardware or Approved Software list located on  
12 the Office of Management and Enterprise Services  
13 website;

14 17. Develop and enforce an overall infrastructure architecture  
15 strategy and associated roadmaps for desktop, network, server,  
16 storage, and statewide management systems for state agencies;

17 18. Effectively manage the design, implementation and support  
18 of complex, highly available infrastructure to ensure optimal  
19 performance, on-time delivery of features, and new products, and  
20 scalable growth;

21 19. Define and implement a governance model for requesting  
22 services and monitoring service level metrics for all shared  
23 services; and  
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1        20. Create the budget for the Information Services Division of  
2 the Office of Management and Enterprise Services to be submitted to  
3 the Legislature each year.

4        G. The State Governmental Technology Applications Review Board  
5 shall provide ongoing oversight of the implementation of the plan of  
6 action required in subsection D of this section. Any proposed  
7 amendments to the plan of action shall be approved by the Board  
8 prior to adoption.

9        H. 1. The Chief Information Officer shall act as the  
10 Information Technology and Telecommunications Purchasing Director  
11 for all state agencies and shall be responsible for the procurement  
12 of all information technology and telecommunication software,  
13 hardware, equipment, peripheral devices, maintenance, consulting  
14 services, high technology systems, and other related information  
15 technology, data processing, telecommunication and related  
16 peripherals and services for all state agencies. The Chief  
17 Information Officer shall establish, implement, and enforce policies  
18 and procedures for the procurement of information technology and  
19 telecommunication software, hardware, equipment, peripheral devices,  
20 maintenance, consulting services, high technology systems, and other  
21 related information technology, data processing, telecommunication  
22 and related peripherals and services by purchase, lease-purchase,  
23 lease with option to purchase, lease and rental for all state  
24 agencies. The procurement policies and procedures established by

1 the Chief Information Officer shall be consistent with The Oklahoma  
2 Central Purchasing Act.

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

18 3. The Chief Information Officer or any employee or agent of  
19 the Chief Information Officer shall seek guidance and  
20 recommendations from the Oklahoma Emergency Communications Section  
21 for all purchases related to public safety communications.

22 I. The Information Services Division of the Office of  
23 Management and Enterprise Services and the Chief Information Officer  
24 shall be subject to the Oklahoma Central Purchasing Act for the

1 approval and purchase of all equipment, products, and services and  
2 shall also be subject to the requirements of the Public Competitive  
3 Bidding Act of 1974, the Oklahoma Lighting Energy Conservation Act  
4 and the Public Building Construction and Planning Act. The Chief  
5 Information Officer shall be authorized to delegate all or some of  
6 the procurement of information technology and telecommunication  
7 products and services and construction of facilities and  
8 telecommunication networks to another state entity if the Chief  
9 Information Officer determines it to be cost-effective and in the  
10 best interest of the state. The Chief Information Officer shall  
11 have authority to designate information technology and  
12 telecommunication contracts as statewide contracts and mandatory  
13 statewide contracts pursuant to Section 85.5 of Title 74 of the  
14 Oklahoma Statutes and to negotiate consolidation contracts,  
15 enterprise agreements and high technology systems contracts. Any  
16 contract entered into by a state agency for which the Chief  
17 Information Officer has not acted as the Information Technology and  
18 Telecommunications Purchasing Director as required in this  
19 subsection or subsection H of this section, shall be deemed to be  
20 unenforceable and the Office of Management and Enterprise Services  
21 shall not process any claim associated with the provisions thereof.

22 J. The Chief Information Officer shall establish, implement,  
23 and enforce policies and procedure for the development and  
24 procurement of an interoperable radio communications system for

1 state agencies. The Chief Information Officer shall work with local  
2 governmental entities in developing the interoperable radio  
3 communications system.

4 K. The Chief Information Officer shall develop and implement a  
5 plan to utilize open source technology and products for the  
6 information technology and telecommunication systems of all state  
7 agencies.

8 L. All state agencies and authorities of this state and all  
9 officers and employees of those entities shall work and cooperate  
10 with and lend assistance to the Chief Information Officer and the  
11 Information Services Division of the Office of Management and  
12 Enterprise Services and provide any and all information requested by  
13 the Chief Information Officer.

14 M. The Chief Information Officer shall prepare an annual report  
15 detailing the ongoing net saving attributable to the reallocation  
16 and consolidation of information technology and telecommunication  
17 resources and personnel and shall submit the report to the Governor,  
18 the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives, and the  
19 President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate.

20 N. For purposes of the Oklahoma Information Services Act,  
21 unless otherwise provided for, "state agencies" shall include any  
22 office, officer, bureau, board, commission, counsel, unit, division,  
23 body, authority or institution of the executive branch of state  
24 government, whether elected or appointed; provided, except with

1 respect to the provisions of subsection D of this section, the term  
2 "state agencies" shall not include institutions within The Oklahoma  
3 State System of Higher Education, the Oklahoma State Regents for  
4 Higher Education and the telecommunications network known as OneNet.

5 0. As used in this section:

6 1. "High technology system" means advanced technological  
7 equipment, software, communication lines, and services for the  
8 processing, storing, and retrieval of information by a state agency;

9 2. "Consolidation contract" means a contract for several state  
10 or public agencies for the purpose of purchasing information  
11 technology and telecommunication goods and services; and

12 3. "Enterprise agreement" means an agreement for information  
13 technology or telecommunication goods and services with a supplier  
14 who manufactures, develops and designs products and provides  
15 services that are used by one or more state agencies.

16 SECTION 10. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 2862, as  
17 last amended by Section 146, Chapter 452, O.S.L. 2024 (63 O.S. Supp.  
18 2024, Section 2862), is amended to read as follows:

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

21 1. "Area served" means the geographic area which shall be  
22 served by the 9-1-1 emergency telephone service provided by the  
23 governing body of a county, municipality, part of a county or  
24 combination of such governing bodies;

1        2. ~~"Authority"~~ "Council" means the Oklahoma ~~9-1-1 Management~~  
2 ~~Authority~~ Emergency Communications Council created in Section ~~2863~~ 6  
3 of this ~~title~~ act;

4        3. "Emergency telephone service" means any telephone system  
5 utilizing a three-digit number, nine-one-one (9-1-1), for reporting  
6 an emergency to the appropriate public agency providing law  
7 enforcement, fire, medical or other emergency services, including  
8 ancillary communications systems and personnel necessary to pass the  
9 reported emergency to the appropriate emergency service and  
10 personnel;

11       4. "Emergency telephone fee" means a fee to finance the  
12 operation of emergency telephone service;

13       5. "Governing body" means the board of county commissioners of  
14 a county, the city council, tribal authority or other governing body  
15 of a municipality, or a combination of such boards, councils or  
16 other municipal governing bodies including county or municipal  
17 beneficiary public trusts, or other public trusts which shall have  
18 an administering board;

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

23       7. "Local exchange telephone company" means any company  
24 providing exchange telephone services to any service user in this

1 state, and shall include any competitive local exchange carrier as  
2 defined in Section 139.102 of Title 17 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

3 8. "Next-generation 9-1-1" or "NG9-1-1" means an:

4 a. IP-based system comprised of hardware, software, data,  
5 and operational policies and procedures that:

6 (1) provides standardized interfaces from emergency  
7 call and message services to support emergency  
8 communications,

9 (2) processes all types of emergency calls, including  
10 voice, text, data and multimedia information,

11 (3) acquires and integrates additional emergency call  
12 data useful to call routing and handling,

13 (4) delivers the emergency calls, messages and data  
14 to the appropriate public safety answering point  
15 and other appropriate emergency entities,

16 (5) supports data or video communications needs for  
17 coordinated incident response and management, and

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

21 b. IP-based system comprised of hardware, software, data  
22 and operational policies and procedures that conforms  
23 with subsequent amendments made to the definition of  
24 Next Generation 9-1-1 services in Public Law 112-96;

1 9. "9-1-1 emergency telephone service" means any telephone  
2 system whereby telephone subscribers may utilize a three-digit  
3 number (9-1-1) for reporting an emergency to the appropriate public  
4 agency providing law enforcement, fire, medical or other emergency  
5 services, including ancillary communications systems and personnel  
6 necessary to pass the reported emergency to the appropriate  
7 emergency service and which the wireless service provider is  
8 required to provide pursuant to the Federal Communications  
9 Commission Order 94-102 (961 Federal Register 40348);

10 10. "9-1-1 wireless telephone fee" means the fee imposed in  
11 Section 2865 of this title to finance the installation and operation  
12 of emergency 9-1-1 services and any necessary equipment;

13 11. "Person" means any service user, including, but not limited  
14 to, any individual, firm, partnership, co-partnership, joint  
15 venture, association, cooperative organization, private corporation,  
16 whether organized for profit or not, fraternal organization,  
17 nonprofit organization, estate, trust, business or common law trust,  
18 receiver, assignee for the benefit of creditors, trustee or trustee  
19 in bankruptcy, the United States of America, the state, any  
20 political subdivision of the state, or any federal or state agency,  
21 department, commission, board or bureau;

22 12. "Place of primary use" means the street address  
23 representative of where the use of the mobile telecommunications  
24 service of the customer primarily occurs, which shall be the

1 residential street address or the primary business street address of  
2 the customer and shall be within the licensed service area of the  
3 home service provider in accordance with Section 55001 of Title 68  
4 of the Oklahoma Statutes and the federal Mobile Telecommunications  
5 Sourcing Act, P.L. No. 106-252, codified at 4 U.S.C. 116-126;

6 13. "Prepaid wireless telecommunications service" means a  
7 telecommunications wireless service that provides the right to  
8 utilize mobile wireless service as well as other telecommunications  
9 services including the download of digital products delivered  
10 electronically, content and ancillary services, which are paid for  
11 in advance and sold in predetermined units or dollars of which the  
12 number declines with use in a known amount;

13 14. "Proprietary information" means wireless service provider  
14 or VoIP service provider, subscriber, market share, cost and review  
15 information;

16 15. "Public agency" means any city, town, county, municipal  
17 corporation, public district, public trust, substate planning  
18 district, public authority or tribal authority located within this  
19 state which provides or has authority to provide firefighting, law  
20 enforcement, ambulance, emergency medical or other emergency  
21 services;

22 16. "Public safety answering point" or "PSAP" means an entity  
23 responsible for receiving 9-1-1 calls and processing those calls  
24 according to specific operational policy;

1 17. "Public safety telecommunicator" means a person who  
2 performs a public service by processing, analyzing, and dispatching  
3 calls for emergency assistance. The person is a first responder  
4 that provides pre-arrival instructions and has specialized training  
5 to mitigate the loss of life and property;

6 18. "Service user" means any person who is provided exchange  
7 telephone service in this state;

8 19. "Tariff rate" means the rate or rates billed by a local  
9 exchange telephone company stated in tariffs applicable for such  
10 company, as approved by the Oklahoma Corporation Commission, or the  
11 current equivalent of such rates, which represent the recurring  
12 charges of such local exchange telephone company for exchange  
13 telephone service or its equivalent, exclusive of all taxes, fees,  
14 licenses or similar charges whatsoever;

15 20. "Wireless service provider" means a provider of commercial  
16 mobile service under Section 332(d) of the Telecommunications Act of  
17 1996, 47 U.S.C., Section 151 et seq., Federal Communications  
18 Commission rules, and the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993,  
19 Pub. L. No. 103-66, and includes a provider of wireless two-way  
20 communication service, radio-telephone communications related to  
21 cellular telephone service, network radio access lines or the  
22 equivalent, and personal communication service. The term does not  
23 include a provider of:  
24

- a. a service whose users do not have access to 9-1-1 service,
- b. a communication channel used only for data transmission, or
- c. a wireless roaming service or other nonlocal radio access line service;

21. "Wireless telecommunications connection" means the ten-digit access number assigned to a customer regardless of whether more than one such number is aggregated for the purpose of billing a service user; and

22. "Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) provider" means a provider of interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol service to end users in the state, including resellers.

SECTION 11. AMENDATORY 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), is amended to read as follows:

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~~

1 ~~as it deems necessary to accomplish the requirements of the Oklahoma~~  
2 ~~9-1-1 Management Authority Act;~~

3 ~~2. Prepare~~ Consult with the Manager of the Oklahoma Emergency  
4 Communications Section regarding grant solicitations for funding for  
5 the purposes of assisting public agencies with funding for  
6 consolidation of facilities or services, deployment of Phase II  
7 technology or successor technology, development of next-generation  
8 9-1-1 regional emergency service networks, and for other purposes it  
9 deems appropriate and necessary;

10 ~~3. Work in conjunction with the Oklahoma Department of~~  
11 ~~Emergency Management and Homeland Security to create an annual~~  
12 ~~budget for the Authority, which shall be approved by majority vote~~  
13 ~~of the members;~~

14 ~~4. 2.~~ Direct the Oklahoma Tax Commission to escrow all or any  
15 portion of funds collected pursuant to the Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management  
16 Authority Act attributable to a public agency, if the public agency  
17 fails to:

- 18 a. submit or comply with master plans to deliver Next  
19 Generation 9-1-1 (NG9-1-1) services as required by the  
20 Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management Authority Act and approved  
21 by the Authority Council. Local plans must align with  
22 the State's Master plan to deploy NG9-1-1,  
23 b. meet standards of the National Emergency Number  
24 Association (NENA) limited to call-taking and caller-

1 location technology or comply with an improvement plan  
2 to meet such standards as directed by the ~~Authority~~  
3 Council,

4 c. submit annual reports or audits as required by the  
5 Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management Authority Act,

6 d. provide connectivity and interoperability between  
7 state, regional and local next-generation systems, or

8 e. comply with the requirements of the Oklahoma 9-1-1  
9 Management Authority Act or procedures established by  
10 the ~~Authority~~ Council;

11 ~~5.~~ 3. Establish and submit to the Tax Commission a list of  
12 eligible governing bodies entitled to receive 9-1-1 telephone fees  
13 and establish annual population figures and square miles for the  
14 coverage area of the public safety answering points (PSAPs) for the  
15 purpose of distributing fees collected pursuant to Section 2865 of  
16 this title. Distribution of the net monthly revenue from 9-1-1 fees  
17 after the distributions established in Sections 2865, 2866, and 2867  
18 of this title will be provided to eligible governing bodies  
19 established by this section as follows:

20 a. a flat rate of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) per  
21 month per PSAP, and

22 b. from the remaining balance:

23 (1) ten percent (10%) to be derived by dividing the  
24 land area covered by each public agency's

1 response area by the total land area of the  
2 state, and

3 (2) ninety percent (90%) to be derived by dividing  
4 the population of each public agency's response  
5 area by the total population of the state using  
6 data from the latest available Census estimates  
7 as of July 1 of each year;

8 ~~6.~~ 4. Assist any public agency the ~~Authority~~ Council determines  
9 is performing below NENA standards, as limited by paragraph 4 2 of  
10 this section, according to the improvement plan required by the  
11 Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management Authority Act. The ~~Authority~~ Council  
12 shall establish a time period for the public agency to come into  
13 compliance after which the ~~Authority~~ Council shall escrow funds as  
14 authorized in this section. Improvement plans may include  
15 consideration and recommendations for consolidation with other  
16 public agencies, and sharing equipment and technology with other  
17 jurisdictions;

18 ~~7.~~ 5. Require an annual report from public agencies regarding  
19 operations and financing of the public safety answering point (PSAP)  
20 and approve, modify or reject such reports;

21 ~~8.~~ 6. Conduct and review audits and financial records of the  
22 wireless service providers and review public agencies' audits and  
23 financial records regarding the collection, remittance and  
24

1 expenditures of 9-1-1 wireless telephone fees as required by the  
2 Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management Authority Act;

3 ~~9.~~ 7. Develop a master plan to deploy next-generation 9-1-1  
4 services statewide. This will include the development of  
5 performance criteria critical to the function and performance of  
6 NG9-1-1 networks and systems;

7 ~~10.~~ 8. Establish rules for interoperability between state,  
8 regional and local NG9-1-1 systems;

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

10 ~~12.~~ 10. Create and maintain best practices databases for PSAP  
11 operations;

12 ~~13.~~ 11. Encourage equipment- and technology-sharing among all  
13 jurisdictions;

14 ~~14.~~ 12. Develop training program standards for public safety  
15 telecommunicators for call taking. Training program standards shall  
16 include instruction on recognizing the need for and delivery of  
17 High-Quality Telecommunicator CPR (T-CPR) that can be delivered by  
18 9-1-1 public safety telecommunicators for acute events requiring CPR  
19 including, but not limited to, out-of-hospital cardiac events  
20 (OHCA);

21 ~~15.~~ 13. Mediate disputes between public agencies and other  
22 entities involved in providing 9-1-1 emergency telephone services;

23 ~~16.~~ 14. Provide a clearinghouse of contact information for  
24 communications service companies and PSAPs operating in this state;

1       ~~17.~~ 15. Make recommendations for consolidation upon the request  
2 of public agencies;

3       ~~18.~~ 16. Establish contracts for the necessary equipment and  
4 services to deliver 9-1-1 calls to the public safety answering  
5 points;

6       ~~19.~~ 17. Establish an eligible use list for 9-1-1 funds; and

7       ~~20.~~ 18. Take any steps necessary to carry out the duties  
8 required by the Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management Authority Act.

9       SECTION 12.        AMENDATORY        63 O.S. 2021, Section 2865, as  
10 amended by Section 8, Chapter 258, O.S.L. 2023 (63 O.S. Supp. 2024,  
11 Section 2865), is amended to read as follows:

12       Section 2865. A. There shall be imposed a 9-1-1 telephone fee  
13 as follows:

14       1. One Dollar and twenty-five cents (\$1.25) monthly on each  
15 wireless telephone connection and other wireless communication  
16 device or service connection with the ability to dial 9-1-1 for  
17 emergency calls;

18       2. One Dollar and twenty-five cents (\$1.25) monthly on each  
19 service with the ability to dial 9-1-1 for emergency calls,  
20 including landline; and

21       3. One Dollar and twenty-five cents (\$1.25) on each prepaid  
22 wireless retail transaction occurring in this state.

23       B. 1. For purposes of paragraph 3 of subsection A of this  
24 section, a retail transaction that is effected in person by a

1 consumer at a business location of the seller shall be treated as  
2 occurring in this state if that business location is in this state.  
3 Any other retail transaction shall be sourced as provided in  
4 paragraphs 2 through 5 of this subsection as applicable.

5 2. When the retail transaction does not occur at a business  
6 location of the seller, the retail transaction shall be sourced to  
7 the location where receipt by the consumer, or the consumer's donee,  
8 designated as such by the consumer, occurs, including the location  
9 indicated by instructions for delivery to the consumer or donee,  
10 known to the seller.

11 3. When the provisions of paragraph 2 of this subsection do not  
12 apply, the sale shall be sourced to the location indicated by an  
13 address for the consumer that is available from the business records  
14 of the seller that are maintained in the ordinary course of the  
15 seller's business when use of this address does not constitute bad  
16 faith.

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

23 5. When none of the previous rules of paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 4  
24 of this subsection apply, including the circumstance in which the

1 seller is without sufficient information to apply the previous  
2 rules, then the location shall be determined by the address from  
3 which the service was provided, disregarding for these purposes any  
4 location that merely provided the digital transfer of the product  
5 sold. If the seller knows the mobile telephone number, the location  
6 will be that which is associated with the mobile telephone number.

7 C. From each one-dollar-and-twenty-five-cent fee assessed and  
8 collected pursuant to subsection A of this section, twenty-two cents  
9 (\$0.22) shall be deposited into the Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management  
10 Authority Revolving Fund created pursuant to Section 2869 of this  
11 title. Funds accumulating in this revolving fund shall be used to  
12 fund the salary of the Oklahoma 9-1-1 Coordinator and any  
13 administrative staff, operations of the ~~Authority~~ Oklahoma Emergency  
14 Communications Council and the 9-1-1 Management Unit and any costs  
15 associated with the administration of the Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management  
16 Authority Act within the Oklahoma ~~Department of Emergency Management~~  
17 ~~and~~ Office of Homeland Security, and for grants approved by the  
18 ~~Authority Council~~ Authority Council for purposes as authorized in the Oklahoma 9-1-1  
19 Management Authority Act.

20 SECTION 13. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 2866, as  
21 amended by Section 9, Chapter 258, O.S.L. 2023 (63 O.S. Supp. 2024,  
22 Section 2866), is amended to read as follows:

23 Section 2866. A. 9-1-1 telephone fees authorized and collected  
24 by providers, pursuant to paragraphs 1 and 2 of subsection A of

1 Section 2865 of this title, from each of their end users residing in  
2 this state shall be paid to the Oklahoma Tax Commission no later  
3 than the twentieth day of the month succeeding the month of  
4 collection.

5 B. From the total fees collected pursuant to paragraphs 1 and 2  
6 of subsection A of Section 2865 of this title, eight-tenths of one  
7 percent (0.8%) shall be retained by the Tax Commission as  
8 reimbursement for the direct cost of administering the collection  
9 and remittance of the fees.

10 C. Every billed service subscriber shall be liable for any 9-1-  
11 1 fee imposed pursuant to the Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management Authority  
12 Act until the fee has been paid to the service provider.

13 D. Fees imposed pursuant to the Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management  
14 Authority Act which are required to be collected by the provider may  
15 be added to and shall be stated separately in any billings to the  
16 service subscriber.

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

24

1 F. Any 9-1-1 fee imposed pursuant to the provisions of the  
2 Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management Authority Act shall be collected insofar  
3 as practicable at the same time as, and along with, the charges for  
4 the service in accordance with the regular billing practice of the  
5 provider.

6 G. Nothing in the Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management Authority Act shall  
7 be construed to limit the ability of a provider from recovering its  
8 costs associated with designing, developing, deploying and  
9 maintaining enhanced 9-1-1 service directly from the service  
10 subscribers of the provider, whether the costs are itemized on the  
11 bill of the service subscriber as a surcharge or by any other lawful  
12 means.

13 H. The provider shall maintain records of the amount of 9-1-1  
14 telephone fees collected in accordance with the provisions of the  
15 Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management Authority Act for a period of three (3)  
16 years from the time the fee is collected. The State Auditor and  
17 Inspector, the Oklahoma ~~9-1-1 Management Authority~~ Emergency  
18 Communications Council or any affected public agency may require an  
19 annual audit of the books and records of the provider concerning the  
20 collection and remittance of fees authorized by the Oklahoma 9-1-1  
21 Management Authority Act. Auditors shall have access to all  
22 information used by the provider to calculate and remit the 9-1-1  
23 telephone fee. Audit expenses shall be reimbursable pursuant to  
24 procedures established by the Oklahoma ~~9-1-1 Management Authority~~

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

3 I. The provider shall provide to the Oklahoma ~~9-1-1 Management~~  
4 Authority Emergency Communications Council an annual census showing  
5 the primary place of use of its subscribers located by county and  
6 either a municipality or unincorporated area. The census shall  
7 contain all subscribers as of December 31 of each year, and shall be  
8 provided to the Authority Council no later than February 1 of each  
9 year.

10 J. All proprietary information provided by a provider to the  
11 Authority Council shall not be subject to disclosure to the public  
12 or any other party.

13 K. Within thirty (30) days of receipt, the Oklahoma Tax  
14 Commission shall pay available fees remitted pursuant to Section  
15 2865 of this title to the governing bodies that the Oklahoma ~~9-1-1~~  
16 ~~Management Authority~~ Emergency Communications Council has certified  
17 in accordance with Section 2864 of this title as eligible to receive  
18 funds. The share to be paid to or escrowed for each governing body  
19 shall be determined by the formula provided for in paragraph 5 of  
20 Section 2864 of this title.

21 L. The Oklahoma Tax Commission shall provide the 9-1-1  
22 Management Authority Unit a monthly report showing the 9-1-1  
23 wireless fee deposits including the name of the provider and the  
24 amount of each deposit. Upon request the 9-1-1 Authority Management

1 Unit may request telephone or mailing address information of the  
2 provider.

3 SECTION 14. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 2867, as  
4 amended by Section 10, Chapter 258, O.S.L. 2023 (63 O.S. Supp. 2024,  
5 Section 2867), is amended to read as follows:

6 Section 2867. A. Prepaid 9-1-1 wireless transaction fees  
7 authorized and collected pursuant to paragraph 3 of subsection A of  
8 Section 2865 of this title from retailers shall be paid to the  
9 Oklahoma Tax Commission under procedures established by the Tax  
10 Commission that substantially coincide with the registration and  
11 payment procedures that apply under the Oklahoma Sales Tax Code and  
12 as directed by the Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management Authority. The audit  
13 and appeal procedures, including limitations period, applicable to  
14 the Oklahoma Sales Tax Code shall apply to prepaid 9-1-1 wireless  
15 telephone fees.

16 B. From the total fees collected pursuant to paragraph 3 of  
17 subsection A of Section 2865 of this title, eight-tenths of one  
18 percent (0.8%) shall be retained by the Tax Commission as  
19 reimbursement for the direct cost of administering the collection  
20 and remittance of such fees.

21 C. The prepaid 9-1-1 wireless transaction fee shall be  
22 collected by the retailer from the consumer for each retail  
23 transaction occurring in this state. The amount of the prepaid 9-1-  
24 1 wireless fee shall either be separately stated on the invoice,

1 receipt or similar document that is provided to the consumer by the  
2 seller, or otherwise disclosed to the consumer.

3 D. The prepaid 9-1-1 wireless telephone fee is the liability of  
4 the consumer and not of the seller or of any provider, except that  
5 the seller shall be liable to remit all prepaid 9-1-1 wireless  
6 telephone fees that the seller collects as provided in this section,  
7 including all charges that the seller is deemed to collect where the  
8 amount of the fee has not been separately stated on an invoice,  
9 receipt or other similar document.

10 E. If the amount of the prepaid 9-1-1 wireless telephone fee is  
11 separately stated on the invoice, receipt or similar document, the  
12 prepaid 9-1-1 wireless telephone fee shall not be included in the  
13 base for measuring any tax, fee, surcharge or other charge that is  
14 imposed by the state, any political subdivision of this state or any  
15 intergovernmental agency.

16 F. The Oklahoma Tax Commission shall provide the 9-1-1  
17 Management ~~Authority~~ Unit with a monthly report showing the 9-1-1  
18 wireless fee deposits including the name of the provider and the  
19 amount of each deposit. Upon request the 9-1-1 ~~Authority~~ Management  
20 Unit may request telephone or mailing address information of the  
21 provider.

22 SECTION 15. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 2868, as  
23 amended by Section 4, Chapter 49, O.S.L. 2023 (63 O.S. Supp. 2024,  
24 Section 2868), is amended to read as follows:

1 Section 2868. A. Public agencies recognized by the Oklahoma ~~9-~~  
2 ~~1-1 Management Authority~~ Emergency Communications Council and  
3 authorized to receive funds collected pursuant to the provisions of  
4 the Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management Authority Act shall use the funds only  
5 for services, equipment and operations related to 9-1-1 emergency  
6 telephone services.

7 B. The ~~9-1-1 Management Authority~~ Oklahoma Emergency  
8 Communications Council will oversee all 9-1-1 fees collected by this  
9 act. The ~~Authority~~ Council may order the Oklahoma Tax Commission to  
10 escrow fees attributable to public agencies which have misspent,  
11 diverted or supplanted 9-1-1 collected fees to a purpose other than  
12 what is authorized by this act.

13 C. Money remitted to public agencies pursuant to the Oklahoma  
14 9-1-1 Management Authority Act and any money otherwise collected by  
15 any lawful means for purposes of providing 9-1-1 emergency telephone  
16 services shall be deposited in a separate 9-1-1 emergency telephone  
17 service account established by a public agency or its governing body  
18 to carry out the requirements of the Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management  
19 Authority Act. Monies remaining in such accounts at the end of a  
20 fiscal year shall carry over to subsequent years. The monies  
21 deposited in the Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management Authority Revolving Fund  
22 shall at no time be monies of the state and shall not become part of  
23 the general budget of the Office of ~~Emergency Management~~ Homeland  
24 Security or any other state agency. Except as otherwise authorized

1 by the Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management Authority Act, no monies from the  
2 Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management Authority Revolving Fund shall be  
3 transferred for any purpose to any other state agency or any account  
4 of the Office of ~~Emergency Management~~ Homeland Security or be used  
5 for the purpose of contracting with any other state agency or  
6 reimbursing any other state agency for any expense. Payments from  
7 the Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management Authority Revolving Fund shall not  
8 become or be construed to be any obligation of the state. No claims  
9 for reimbursement from the Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management Authority  
10 Revolving Fund shall be paid with state monies.

11 D. If the Oklahoma ~~9-1-1 Management Authority~~ Oklahoma  
12 Emergency Communications Council determines that the public agency  
13 has failed to deploy Phase II service, failed to meet the State  
14 master plan for NG9-1-1 services or has failed to deliver service  
15 consistent with National Emergency Number Association (NENA)  
16 standards, the public agency shall submit an improvement plan within  
17 the time prescribed by the Authority Council. The Authority Council  
18 may order the Oklahoma Tax Commission to escrow fees attributable to  
19 public agencies which have not submitted plans or complied with  
20 improvement plans.

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

1 The audit may be conducted by the State Auditor and Inspector at the  
2 discretion of the public agency. The cost of the audit of the 9-1-1  
3 emergency telephone system may be paid from and be considered a part  
4 of the operating expenses of the 9-1-1 emergency telephone system.  
5 Proprietary information of the wireless service providers shall be  
6 confidential. Audit information pertaining to revenue collected or  
7 disbursed may be released only in aggregate form so that no  
8 provider-specific information may be extrapolated.

9 F. Public agencies shall be required to annually submit to the  
10 Authority 9-1-1 Management Unit:

11 1. A report, on a form to be prescribed by the Authority 9-1-1  
12 Management Unit, covering the operation and financing of the public  
13 safety answering point which shall include all sources of funding  
14 available to the public agency for the 9-1-1 emergency telephone  
15 system; and

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

19 G. The Authority Oklahoma Emergency Communications Council, or  
20 designee, shall have the power to review, approve, submit for  
21 further information or deny approval of the annual report of each  
22 public agency required pursuant to subsection F of this section.  
23 Failure by a public agency to submit the report annually or denial  
24 of a report may cause the Authority Oklahoma Emergency

1 Communications Council to order the Tax Commission to escrow the 9-  
2 1-1 emergency telephone fees due to the public agency until the  
3 public agency complies with the requirements of the Oklahoma 9-1-1  
4 Management Authority Act and the procedures established by the  
5 Authority Council.

6 SECTION 16. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 2869, is  
7 amended to read as follows:

8 Section 2869. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a  
9 revolving fund for the Oklahoma ~~Department of Emergency Management~~  
10 Office of Homeland Security, to be designated the "Oklahoma 9-1-1  
11 Management Authority Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a  
12 continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall  
13 consist of all monies received by the Oklahoma Tax Commission from  
14 fees designated for support of 9-1-1 emergency services. All monies  
15 accruing to the credit of the fund are hereby appropriated and may  
16 be budgeted and expended by the Oklahoma ~~Department of Emergency~~  
17 ~~Management~~ Office of Homeland Security upon approval by the ~~Oklahoma~~  
18 ~~9-1-1 Management Authority~~ Homeland Security Advisor for the purpose  
19 of supporting the administration of the ~~Authority~~ Oklahoma Emergency  
20 Communications Council and the 9-1-1 Management Unit; effecting the  
21 purposes of the 9-1-1 Management Authority Act; and providing grants  
22 to public agencies providing 9-1-1 services. Expenditures from the  
23 fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the State Treasurer  
24 against claims filed as prescribed by law with the Director of the

1 Office of Management and Enterprise Services for approval and  
2 payment.

3 SECTION 17. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 2871, as  
4 amended by Section 12, Chapter 258, O.S.L. 2023 (63 O.S. Supp. 2024,  
5 Section 2871), is amended to read as follows:

6 Section 2871. A. This act shall be known and may be cited as  
7 the "Regional Emergency 9-1-1 Services Act".

8 B. It is the purpose of the Regional Emergency 9-1-1 Services  
9 Act to encourage formation of emergency communication districts in  
10 order to provide efficient delivery of emergency 9-1-1 service  
11 throughout the state.

12 C. The Regional Emergency 9-1-1 Services Act shall not apply to  
13 any 9-1-1 system or public agency participating in a 9-1-1 system  
14 that was established prior to January 1, 2017, and that had adopted  
15 Phase II 9-1-1 service by that date.

16 D. A new public safety answering point shall not be established  
17 after July 1, 2024, unless the new public safety answering point is  
18 established as a result of:

19 1. A consolidation with an existing public safety answering  
20 point; or

21 2. A replacement of an existing public safety answering point.

22 E. For the purposes of this section:

23 1. "District" means an emergency communication district;

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1       2. "Emergency communication district" means a district formed  
2 pursuant to the Regional Emergency 9-1-1 Services Act to deliver  
3 emergency 9-1-1 services on a regional basis;

4       3. "9-1-1 system" means an entity that processes emergency 9-1-  
5 1 calls through a public safety answering point;

6       4. "Participating public agency" means a public agency that is  
7 included in a district;

8       5. "Principal municipality" means the municipality with the  
9 largest population in a district; and

10       6. "Public agency" means any city, town, county, municipal  
11 corporation, public district, public trust, substate planning  
12 district, public authority or tribal authority located within this  
13 state which provides or has authority to provide firefighting, law  
14 enforcement, ambulance, emergency medical or other emergency  
15 services.

16       F. On or before December 31, 2017, all public agencies in this  
17 state shall form regional emergency communication districts for the  
18 purpose of creating an area-wide emergency 9-1-1 system for their  
19 respective jurisdictions. The territory of the district shall be  
20 coextensive with the territory of the regional substate planning  
21 district unless a different territory is approved by the ~~Oklahoma 9-1-1~~  
22 ~~Management Authority~~ Oklahoma Emergency Communications Council.  
23 If a public agency is situated in more than one such territory, it  
24 shall become part of the district in which it is principally

1 located. If, due to the effect of subsection C of this section, the  
2 majority of the participating public agencies located in the  
3 territory of a proposed district determine that it would be in the  
4 best interests of their citizens, they may request inclusion in an  
5 adjacent district.

6 G. The public agencies to be included in each district may form  
7 the district by entering into local cooperative agreements which  
8 shall establish a governance structure and provide for the joint  
9 implementation, funding, operation, and management of the district.

10 H. If the public agencies in a region are unable to develop a  
11 local cooperative agreement by December 31, 2017, they shall be  
12 included in an emergency communication district that is governed by  
13 a board of directors consisting of an appointee by each public  
14 agency that was authorized by its voters to fund a 9-1-1 system  
15 prior to the formation of the district, one appointee elected by a  
16 majority of the remaining public agencies in the district, and an  
17 additional appointee by the principal municipality in the district  
18 who shall serve as chair of the board.

19 I. Unless otherwise provided by agreement, any participating  
20 public agency that had been authorized by its voters to fund a 9-1-1  
21 system prior to the formation of the district shall retain control  
22 of the property, operation, and funding of its system; provided,  
23 however, the district may contract with such participating public  
24 agency to include the agency's system in the district's master

1 implementation plan. To the extent practicable, the district shall  
2 not duplicate the equipment or answering point services already  
3 provided by a participating public agency. A user of one or more  
4 communication services subject to the payment of fees or taxes for  
5 an emergency 9-1-1 system shall not be charged for more than one  
6 such fee or tax for each service.

7 J. An emergency communication district shall have power to make  
8 all contracts to carry out the purposes of the Regional Emergency 9-  
9 1-1 Services Act, purchase and convey real property, impose service  
10 fees authorized for public agencies for the provision of 9-1-1  
11 service, appoint a manager of the district, and adopt rules and  
12 policies for the operation of the district.

13 K. Within one (1) year after the effective date of the  
14 formation of the district, the board of directors shall submit its  
15 master plan to deliver Phase II emergency 9-1-1 service throughout  
16 its territory to the Oklahoma ~~9-1-1 Management Authority~~ Emergency  
17 Communications Council for approval. The ~~Authority~~ Council shall  
18 have the power to prescribe the terms of the plan and to approve or  
19 disapprove the master plan. Additionally, the ~~Authority~~ Council  
20 shall have the power to request the Tax Commission to escrow the  
21 wireless fees attributable to the public agencies which have not  
22 submitted a master plan or which have not complied with the terms of  
23 the master plan.

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1 L. An emergency communication district shall operate on a  
2 fiscal year beginning July 1. It shall adopt an annual budget and  
3 cause to be prepared an independent financial audit annually. As  
4 soon as practicable after the end of the fiscal year, the district  
5 shall deliver to each participating public agency an annual report  
6 showing in detail the operations of the district.

7 SECTION 18. AMENDATORY Section 2, Chapter 258, O.S.L.  
8 2023 (63 O.S. Supp. 2024, Section 2872), is amended to read as  
9 follows:

10 Section 2872. A. The Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management ~~Authority~~ Unit  
11 shall maintain an online training platform for 9-1-1 emergency  
12 telecommunicators in this state.

13 B. The Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management ~~Authority~~ Unit shall create,  
14 maintain, and certify a list of qualified online and in-person  
15 training programs that include the basic requirements for a 9-1-1  
16 emergency telecommunicator as well as coordinate and collaborate  
17 with local and regional 9-1-1 training authorities. Classes shall  
18 be a minimum of forty (40) hours in length and include instruction  
19 for basic call handling and dispatch services. The Oklahoma ~~9-1-1~~  
20 ~~Management Authority~~ Emergency Communications Council shall  
21 establish hourly training requirements on a yearly basis.

22 C. On or before July 1, 2024, emergency telecommunicators in  
23 this state that provide dispatch service for emergency medical  
24 services shall complete, either in-person or virtually, a forty-hour

1 state-recognized training course for basic call handling and  
2 dispatch services.

3 D. Any new emergency telecommunicator hired after January 1,  
4 2024, shall complete, either in-person or virtually, a forty-hour  
5 state-recognized training course for basic call handling and  
6 dispatch services within six (6) months of his or her hire date.

7 E. On or before July 1, 2024, emergency telecommunicators in  
8 this state that provide dispatch service for emergency medical  
9 services shall complete, either in-person or virtually, a state- or  
10 nationally recognized telecommunicator CPR training course.

11 Telecommunicator CPR training shall follow evidence-based,  
12 nationally recognized guidelines for High-Quality Telecommunicator  
13 CPR which incorporates recognition protocols for out-of-hospital  
14 cardiac events.

15 SECTION 19. REPEALER 63 O.S. 2021, Section 2863, is  
16 hereby repealed.

17 SECTION 20. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

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