

**Sixty-third Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 8, 2013**

SENATE BILL NO. 2353
(Senators Miller, Dotzenrod, Oehlke, Unruh)
(Representative Gruchalla)

AN ACT to create and enact two new sections to chapter 37-17.3 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to statewide integrated radio communication; to provide for a legislative management study; and to provide an appropriation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. A new section to chapter 37-17.3 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Legislative declaration - Statewide integrated radio communication system service.

The legislative assembly finds that effective radio communication is vital to public safety and effective emergency response and law enforcement and declares that a statewide integrated radio communication system will more effectively serve the goals of law enforcement and emergency response personnel and thereby better serve the people of North Dakota. Existing radio systems operated by local jurisdictions serve those jurisdictions adequately, but do not provide the protection and benefits to the citizens of North Dakota that new digital networks being utilized in neighboring states offer.

SECTION 2. A new section to chapter 37-17.3 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

North Dakota statewide interoperability executive committee.

1. The statewide interoperability executive committee consists of:
 - a. The director of state radio or a designee;
 - b. The director of the division of homeland security or a designee;
 - c. The superintendent of the highway patrol or a designee;
 - d. The adjutant general or a designee;
 - e. The director of the department of transportation or a designee;
 - f. A representative of the North Dakota sheriff's and deputies association;
 - g. A representative of the North Dakota emergency managers association;
 - h. A representative of the North Dakota fire chiefs association;
 - i. A representative of the North Dakota emergency medical services association;
 - j. A representative of the North Dakota police chiefs association;
 - k. A representative of the North Dakota peace officers association;
 - l. A representative of the North Dakota 911 association; and
 - m. The North Dakota chief information officer or a designee.

2. The committee shall elect a chairman and vice chairman for terms of two years upon its initial meeting. The adjutant general shall call and convene the initial meeting.
3. The committee shall prepare recommendations regarding a statewide integrated radio system with due consideration for all stakeholders reliant upon a radio communication system.

SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY. During the 2013-14 interim, to assist with the development of a statewide interoperability plan, the legislative management shall consider studying issues relating to the development of the current radio communication plan, its costs and components, and evolving technologies that will better serve the public. The study must include the input of stakeholders statewide, including local city, local county, and state public service and public safety entities, including those members represented on the statewide interoperability executive committee. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-fourth legislative assembly.

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION. There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$25,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of emergency services for the purpose of paying the costs of the members of the statewide interoperability executive committee expenses, including travel expenses, in providing an inventory of technologies used for radio communications, and with the remainder to the department of homeland security to analyze information, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2013, and ending June 30, 2015.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Sixty-third Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2353.

Senate Vote: Yeas 46 Nays 0 Absent 1

House Vote: Yeas 74 Nays 18 Absent 2

Secretary of the Senate

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Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2013.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2013,

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Secretary of State