

Sixty-third
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

REENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2353

Introduced by

Senators Miller, Dotzenrod, Oehlke, Unruh

Representative Gruchalla

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

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

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

7 **Legislative declaration - Statewide integrated radio communication system service.**

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

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

17 **Statewide North Dakota statewide interoperability board executive committee.**

- 18 1. The statewide interoperability board executive committee consists of:
- 19 a. The director of state radio or a designee;
 - 20 b. The director of the division of homeland security or a designee;
 - 21 c. The superintendent of the highway patrol or a designee;
 - 22 d. The adjutant general or a designee;
 - 23 e. The director of the department of transportation or a designee;
 - 24 f. A representative of the North Dakota sheriff's and deputies association;

- 1 g. A representative of the North Dakota emergency managers association;
- 2 h. A representative of the North Dakota fire chiefs association;
- 3 i. A representative of the North Dakota emergency medical services association;
- 4 j. A representative of the North Dakota police chiefs association;
- 5 k. A representative of the North Dakota peace officers association;
- 6 l. A representative of the North Dakota 911 association; and
- 7 l.m. The North Dakota chief information officer or a designee.
- 8 2. The boardcommittee shall elect a chairman and vice chairman for terms of two years
9 upon its initial meeting. The adjutant general shall call and convene the initial meeting.
- 10 3. ~~The board shall provide for key components and provide for support of key~~
11 ~~components necessary to support the deployment of a statewide integrated radio~~
12 ~~communication system and shall provide for financial and technical assistance to local~~
13 ~~jurisdictions to transition to the system.~~
- 14 ~~4.~~ The boardcommittee shall manageprepare recommendations regarding a statewide
15 integrated radio system with due consideration for all stakeholders reliant upon a radio
16 communication system.

17 **SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY.** During the ~~2013-15 biennium~~2013-14
18 interim, to assist with the development of a statewide interoperability plan, the legislative
19 management shall ~~study~~consider studying issues relating to the development of the current
20 radio communication plan, its costs and components, and evolving technologies that will better
21 serve the public. The study must include the input of stakeholders statewide, including local city,
22 local county, and state public service and public safety entities, including those members
23 represented on the ~~board~~statewide interoperability executive committee. The legislative
24 management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation
25 required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-fourth legislative assembly.

26 ~~**SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general~~
27 ~~fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$100,000, or so much of the~~
28 ~~sum as may be necessary, to the adjutant general to provide a grant to the statewide~~
29 ~~interoperability board for the purpose of purchasing necessary equipment at the state level to~~
30 ~~begin development of the statewide integrated radio communication program and to purchase~~
31 ~~project 25 standards-based centralized core dispatch equipment to integrate into a statewide~~

1 ~~dispatch network open to all city, county, and state agencies within North Dakota, for the~~
2 ~~biennium beginning July 1, 2013, and ending June 30, 2015. The statewide interoperability~~
3 ~~board shall allocate funds through grant requests solicited, reviewed, and approved by the~~
4 ~~statewide interoperability board in a manner that will most effectively move the state toward an~~
5 ~~integrated radio communication system.~~

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