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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the establishment of an interoperable statewide emergency radio infrastructure and the establishment of an emergency radio infrastructure account.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 771, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Subchapter F to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER F. INTEROPERABLE STATEWIDE EMERGENCY

RADIO INFRASTRUCTURE

Sec. 771.151. DEFINITION. In this subchapter, "emergency radio infrastructure" means radio frequency hardware, software, or auxiliary equipment that:

(1) provides dispatch communications for this state and local governments to public safety agencies; and

(2) permits interoperable communication between different public safety agencies.

Sec. 771.152. USE OF REVENUE. (a) Fees collected under Section 133.102(e)(7), Local Government Code, may only:

(1) be used for the planning, development, provision, enhancement, or ongoing maintenance of an interoperable statewide emergency radio infrastructure;

(2) be used in accordance with the state communications interoperability plan;

(3) be used for the development of a regional or state

1 interoperable radio communication system; or

2 (4) be distributed as grants by the commission to:

3 (A) regional councils of government that have
4 entered into interlocal agreements authorized under state law; and

5 (B) state agencies requiring emergency radio
6 communications infrastructure.

7 (b) Fees collected and distributed as provided by this
8 subchapter may not be used to purchase or maintain radio subscriber
9 equipment.

10 Sec. 771.153. EMERGENCY RADIO INFRASTRUCTURE ACCOUNT. (a)
11 The emergency radio infrastructure account is an account in the
12 general revenue fund.

13 (b) The account consists of:

14 (1) fees deposited in the fund as provided by Section
15 133.102(e)(7), Local Government Code; and

16 (2) notwithstanding Section 404.071, Government Code,
17 all interest attributable to money held in the account.

18 (c) Money in the account may be appropriated to:

19 (1) the commission for the planning, development,
20 provision, enhancement, or ongoing maintenance of an interoperable
21 statewide emergency radio infrastructure; and

22 (2) the Department of Public Safety for communications
23 interoperability and other public safety services.

24 (d) Section 403.095, Government Code, does not apply to the
25 account.

26 SECTION 2. Section 133.102(e), Local Government Code, is
27 amended to read as follows:

1 (e) The comptroller shall allocate the court costs received
 2 under this section to the following accounts and funds so that each
 3 receives to the extent practicable, utilizing historical data as
 4 applicable, the same amount of money the account or fund would have
 5 received if the court costs for the accounts and funds had been
 6 collected and reported separately, except that the account or fund
 7 may not receive less than the following percentages:

- 8 (1) abused children's counseling 0.0088 percent;
- 9 (2) crime stoppers assistance 0.2581 percent;
- 10 (3) breath alcohol testing 0.5507 percent;
- 11 (4) Bill Blackwood Law Enforcement Management
 12 Institute 2.1683 percent;
- 13 (5) law enforcement officers standards and
 14 education 5.0034 percent;
- 15 (6) comprehensive rehabilitation 5.3218 percent;
- 16 (7) emergency radio infrastructure account
 17 [~~operator's and chauffeur's license~~] 23.2330 [~~11.1426~~] percent;
- 18 (8) criminal justice planning 12.5537 percent;
- 19 (9) an account in the state treasury to be used only
 20 for the establishment and operation of the Center for the Study and
 21 Prevention of Juvenile Crime and Delinquency at Prairie View A&M
 22 University 1.2090 percent;
- 23 (10) compensation to victims of crime
 24 fund 37.6338 percent;
- 25 (11) [~~fugitive apprehension account~~] ~~12.0904~~ percent;
- 26 [~~(12)~~] judicial and court personnel training
 27 fund 4.8362 percent;

