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H.B. No. 2952

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the establishment of an emergency radio infrastructure grant program.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter N, Chapter 411, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 411.4015 to read as follows:

Sec. 411.4015. GRANTS TO FINANCE INTEROPERABLE STATEWIDE EMERGENCY RADIO INFRASTRUCTURE. (a) The office of the governor shall establish a program to provide grants as provided by Section 411.402.

(b) The office of the governor shall establish procedures to administer the grant program, including a procedure for the submission of a proposal and a procedure to be used by the office to evaluate a proposal.

(c) The office of the governor shall enter into a contract that includes performance requirements with each grant recipient. The office shall monitor and enforce the terms of the contract.

(d) The office of the governor shall adopt rules to administer this section.

SECTION 2. Section 411.402, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 411.402. USE OF GRANTS [~~REVENUE~~]. (a) A grant provided under Section 411.4015 [~~Fees collected under Section 133.102(e)(11), Local Government Code,~~] may only:

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

4 (2) be used in accordance with the statewide
5 integrated public safety radio communications plan developed under
6 Subchapter F, Chapter 421;

7 (3) be used for the development of a regional or state
8 interoperable radio communication system;

9 (4) be made [~~distributed as grants by the department~~]
10 to:

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

13 (B) state agencies requiring emergency radio
14 infrastructure; or

15 (5) be used for other public safety purposes.

16 (b) A grant provided under Section 411.4015 [~~Fees collected~~
17 ~~and distributed as provided by this subchapter~~] may not be used to
18 purchase or maintain radio subscriber equipment.

19 SECTION 3. Sections 411.403(b) and (c), Government Code,
20 are amended to read as follows:

21 (b) The account consists of:

22 (1) fees deposited in the account as provided by
23 Section 133.102(e)(9) [~~133.102(e)(11)~~], Local Government Code; and

24 (2) notwithstanding Section 404.071, all interest
25 attributable to money held in the account.

26 (c) Money in the account may be used only for grants made
27 under this subchapter [~~appropriated to the department for the~~

1 ~~purposes described by Section [411.402](#)].~~

2 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.