

1-1 By: Guillen, Raymond (Senate Sponsor - Zaffirini) H.B. No. 2952  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 11, 2019;  
 1-3 April 17, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on  
 1-4 Business & Commerce; May 10, 2019, reported favorably by the  
 1-5 following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 10, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the establishment of an emergency radio infrastructure  
 1-20 grant program.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Subchapter N, Chapter 411, Government Code, is  
 1-23 amended by adding Section 411.4015 to read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 411.4015. GRANTS TO FINANCE INTEROPERABLE STATEWIDE  
 1-25 EMERGENCY RADIO INFRASTRUCTURE. (a) The office of the governor  
 1-26 shall establish a program to provide grants as provided by Section  
 1-27 411.402.

1-28 (b) The office of the governor shall establish procedures to  
 1-29 administer the grant program, including a procedure for the  
 1-30 submission of a proposal and a procedure to be used by the office to  
 1-31 evaluate a proposal.

1-32 (c) The office of the governor shall enter into a contract  
 1-33 that includes performance requirements with each grant recipient.  
 1-34 The office shall monitor and enforce the terms of the contract.

1-35 (d) The office of the governor shall adopt rules to  
 1-36 administer this section.

1-37 SECTION 2. Section 411.402, Government Code, is amended to  
 1-38 read as follows:

1-39 Sec. 411.402. USE OF GRANTS [REVENUE]. (a) A grant  
 1-40 provided under Section 411.4015 [~~Fees collected under Section~~  
 1-41 ~~133.102(c)(11), Local Government Code,~~] may only:

1-42 (1) be used for the planning, development, provision,  
 1-43 enhancement, or ongoing maintenance of an interoperable statewide  
 1-44 emergency radio infrastructure;

1-45 (2) be used in accordance with the statewide  
 1-46 integrated public safety radio communications plan developed under  
 1-47 Subchapter F, Chapter 421;

1-48 (3) be used for the development of a regional or state  
 1-49 interoperable radio communication system;

1-50 (4) be made [~~distributed as grants by the department~~]  
 1-51 to:

1-52 (A) regional councils of government that have  
 1-53 entered into interlocal agreements authorized under state law; and

1-54 (B) state agencies requiring emergency radio  
 1-55 infrastructure; or

1-56 (5) be used for other public safety purposes.

1-57 (b) A grant provided under Section 411.4015 [~~Fees collected~~  
 1-58 ~~and distributed as provided by this subchapter]~~ may not be used to  
 1-59 purchase or maintain radio subscriber equipment.

1-60 SECTION 3. Sections 411.403(b) and (c), Government Code,  
 1-61 are amended to read as follows:

2-1 (b) The account consists of:  
2-2 (1) fees deposited in the account as provided by  
2-3 Section 133.102(e)(9) [~~133.102(e)(11)~~], Local Government Code; and  
2-4 (2) notwithstanding Section 404.071, all interest  
2-5 attributable to money held in the account.

2-6 (c) Money in the account may be used only for grants made  
2-7 under this subchapter [~~appropriated to the department for the~~  
2-8 ~~purposes described by Section 411.402~~].

2-9 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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