

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Poncho Nevárez, Chair, House Committee on Homeland Security & Public Safety

**FROM:** John McGeady, Assistant Director    Sarah Keyton, Assistant Director  
Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB2952** by Guillen (Relating to the establishment of an emergency radio infrastructure revolving loan program.), **As Introduced**

**Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds** for HB2952, As Introduced: an impact of \$0 through the biennium ending August 31, 2021.

The bill would make no appropriation but provides the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

**General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds</b>
2020	\$0
2021	\$0
2022	\$0
2023	\$0
2024	\$0

**All Funds, Five-Year Impact:**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Probable Revenue Gain/(Loss) from <i>Emergency Radio Infrastructure</i> 5153</b>	<b>Probable Revenue Gain/(Loss) from <i>New General Revenue Dedicated - Emergency Radio Infrastructure Revolving Loan Account</i></b>
2020	(\$30,144,900)	\$30,144,900
2021	(\$7,784,000)	\$7,784,000
2022	(\$7,521,000)	\$7,521,000
2023	(\$7,266,000)	\$7,266,000
2024	(\$7,019,000)	\$7,019,000

**Fiscal Analysis**

This bill would amend statute relating to the establishment of an emergency radio infrastructure

revolving loan program, and would require the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) to provide loans to qualifying public safety agencies throughout the state to finance infrastructure related to interoperable statewide emergency radio infrastructure.

The bill would create the new Emergency Radio Infrastructure Revolving Loan Account in the General Revenue Fund. The fund would consist of court cost revenue currently allocated to GR Account 5153 - Emergency Radio Infrastructure, payments on loans, and interest earned.

According to the Comptroller of Public Accounts (CPA), loan terms and interest rates would be determined by DPS. The bill would give the department flexibility to make forgivable loans related to emergency radio infrastructure. It is assumed the costs of administering the loan program at DPS could be absorbed within existing resources.

This bill would take effect September 1, 2019.

This legislation would do one or more of the following: create or recreate a dedicated account in the General Revenue Fund, create or recreate a special or trust fund either with or outside of the Treasury, or create a dedicated revenue source. The fund, account, or revenue dedication included in this bill would be subject to funds consolidation review by the current Legislature.

### **Methodology**

The bill would transfer all money in GR Account 5153 - Emergency Radio Infrastructure to the new Emergency Radio Infrastructure Revolving Loan Account on September 1, 2019, reflected in the table above.

### **Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 405 Department of Public Safety

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