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Sponsor(s): House Committee on Technology, Telecommunications & Energy (originally sponsored by Representatives Anderson, Morris and Wood)

Brief Description: Enhancing interoperability of emergency communications.

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Creates the state interoperability executive committee.

Declares that the strategic interoperability executive committee has the following responsibilities: (1) Develop policies and make recommendations to the board for technical standards for state wireless radio communications systems, including emergency communications systems. The standards must address, among other things, the interoperability of systems, taking into account both existing and future systems and technologies;

(2) Coordinate and manage on behalf of the board the licensing and use of state-designated and state-licensed radio frequencies, including the spectrum used for public safety and emergency communications, and serve as the point of contact with the Federal Communications Commission on matters relating to allocation, use, and licensing of radio spectrum;

(3) Seek support, including possible federal or other funding, for state-sponsored wireless communications systems;

(4) Develop recommendations for legislation that may be required to promote interoperability of state wireless communications systems;

(5) Foster cooperation and coordination among public safety and emergency response organizations;

(6) Work with wireless communications groups and associations to ensure interoperability among all public safety and emergency response wireless communications systems; and

(7) Perform such other duties as may be assigned by the board to promote interoperability of wireless communications systems.