

SENATE STAFF ANALYSIS AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

BILL: CS/SB 2636

SPONSOR: Committee on Home Defense, Public Security, and Ports and Senator Dockery

SUBJECT: Radio System/Interoperability

DATE: April 19, 2003

REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	<u>Dodson</u>	<u>Skelton</u>	<u>HP</u>	<u>Fav/CS</u>
2.	<u>White</u>	<u>Wilson</u>	<u>GO</u>	<u>Favorable</u>
3.	_____	_____	<u>AGG</u>	_____
4.	_____	_____	<u>AP</u>	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____	_____
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I. Summary:

This Committee Substitute provides for the creation of an interoperability network to serve federal, state, and local agencies for the purpose of public safety and domestic security.

CS/SB 2636 amends s. 282.1095, F.S.

II. Present Situation:

State Agency Law Enforcement Radio System

The State Technology Office (STO) is authorized by s. 282.1095, F.S., to acquire and implement a statewide radio communications system to serve law enforcement units of state agencies, and to serve law enforcement agencies through a mutual aid channel. The Joint Task Force on State Agency Law Enforcement Communications is established in the STO to advise the office of member-agency needs for the planning, designing, and establishment of the joint system. The Joint Task Force consists of eight members representing state agencies that have a law enforcement component.

The section provides for the creation of the State Agency Law Enforcement Radio Trust Fund in the STO and the trust fund is funded by surcharges collected under ss. 320.0802 and 328.72, F.S.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

This bill amends s. 282.1095, F.S., to authorize the STO to plan, manage, and administer the State Law Enforcement Radio System mutual aid channels and to make the channels available to federal, state, and local agencies for the purpose of public safety and domestic security. The STO is required to act in consultation with the Department of Law Enforcement and the Division

of Emergency Management within the Department of Community Affairs to administer the mutual aid channels to address the needs of law enforcement agencies and emergency response agencies involved with the system.

The STO is required, in conjunction with the Department of Law Enforcement and the Division of Emergency Management to establish policies and procedures which must be incorporated into a comprehensive management plan for the use and operation of the statewide radio communications system.

The bill authorizes the STO, to create and implement an interoperability network for enabling interoperability between various radio communications technologies to serve federal, state, and local agencies. The STO must work in conjunction with the Department of Law Enforcement and the Division of Emergency Management to administer the interoperability network. The STO may enter into mutual aid agreements, establish the cost of maintenance and operation of the network, and charge subscribing federal and local law enforcement agencies for access and use of the network. Participating state agencies cannot be charged to use the network. The statewide radio communications system may be enhanced and amended as necessary for implementation. Policies and procedures must be established for inclusion in a comprehensive management plan for network operation.

A board member of the Joint Task Force on State Agency Law Enforcement Communications may, upon notifying the chairman prior to the beginning of a meeting, appoint an alternate to represent the member on the board and to vote on board business in the member's absence.

The bill is effective upon becoming a law.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

V. Economic Impact and Fiscal Note:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

The State Technology Office has indicated that the fiscal impact to local governments opting to join the network is currently indeterminate because precise costs cannot be established until an assessment of local governments is conducted. The State Technology Office estimates that the maximum cost to a local government would be \$130,000 in the first year and \$60,000 for recurring costs in subsequent years.

The bill specifies that state law enforcement agencies may not be charged to use the network.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Amendments:

None.