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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate

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House

The Committee on Innovation, Industry, and Technology (Brandes) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 249 and 250

insert:

Section 4. Section 365.179, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

365.179 Direct radio communication between 911 public safety answering points and first responders.—

(1) As used in this section, the term:

(a) "First responders" includes the law enforcement



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11 agencies, fire service agencies, and emergency management
12 services providers that are designated as first responders for
13 the service area in which a PSAP receives 911 calls.

14 (b) "911 public safety answering point" or "PSAP" means a
15 municipal or county emergency communications call center in this
16 state which receives cellular, landline, or text 911
17 communications.

18 (2) A PSAP must be able to directly communicate by radio
19 with first responders. The PSAP must be able to make such
20 communication without having to transfer a 911 call or having to
21 relay information received during a 911 call to another PSAP or
22 emergency communications center for dispatch.

23 (3) In collaboration with all first responders in his or
24 her county, each sheriff shall enter into a written agreement
25 with each first responder to establish protocols under which a
26 PSAP that does not dispatch calls for a first responder agency
27 will directly notify the first responder agency's on-duty
28 personnel of an emergency by radio. The agreement must require
29 the PSAP to be able to communicate with the personnel without
30 having to transfer the 911 call for dispatch to that agency or
31 having to relay the information received during a 911 call by
32 telephone or other indirect means.

33 (4) Each PSAP shall install, in at least one dispatch
34 console within its emergency communications center, the primary
35 radio dispatch channels of each first responder in the county it
36 serves. If there are multiple PSAPs in a county, each PSAP must
37 have this capability.

38 (5) Upon the written request of a law enforcement agency
39 head, any other law enforcement agency head in the same county



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40 or an adjoining jurisdiction in another county shall authorize
41 the requesting agency to install the other agency's primary
42 dispatch channel or channels in the requesting agency's mobile
43 or portable radios.

44 (6) By January 1, 2020, each county sheriff shall certify
45 in writing to the Department of Law Enforcement that all PSAPs
46 in his or her county are in compliance with this section.

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48 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

49 And the title is amended as follows:

50 Delete line 13

51 and insert:

52 interest; creating s. 365.179, F.S.; defining the
53 terms "first responders" and "911 public safety
54 answering point" or "PSAP"; requiring a PSAP to be
55 able to directly communicate by radio with first
56 responders; requiring each sheriff, in collaboration
57 with first responders in his or her county, to enter
58 into specified written agreements; requiring each PSAP
59 to install local first responder radio dispatch
60 channels in its emergency communications center;
61 requiring a law enforcement agency head to authorize
62 the installation of his or her agency's primary
63 dispatch channel or channels on certain other law
64 enforcement agency's mobile or portable radios, upon
65 request; requiring each county sheriff to certify
66 compliance in writing with the Department of Law
67 Enforcement by a specified date; providing an
68 effective date.