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**Part 5
Interoperability Division**

63H-7a-501 Interoperability Division.

- (1) This part is known as the "Interoperability Division."
- (2) There is created within the authority the Interoperability Division, which shall be responsible for the duties of the authority as specified in this chapter.
- (3) The executive director shall appoint a statewide interoperability coordinator with the approval of the board. The statewide interoperability coordinator shall be funded by the Department of Public Safety within appropriations to the Department of Public Safety for this purpose.

Renumbered and Amended by Chapter 411, 2015 General Session

63H-7a-502 Interoperability Division duties.

- (1) The Interoperability Division shall:
 - (a) review and make recommendations to the executive director, for approval by the board, regarding:
 - (i) statewide interoperability coordination and FirstNet standards;
 - (ii) technical, administrative, fiscal, technological, network, and operational issues for the implementation of statewide interoperability, coordination, and FirstNet;
 - (iii) assisting local agencies with the implementation and coordination of the Interoperability Division responsibilities; and
 - (iv) training for the public safety communications network and unified statewide 911 emergency services;
 - (b) review information and records regarding:
 - (i) aggregate information of the number of service subscribers by service type in a political subdivision;
 - (ii) matters related to statewide interoperability coordination;
 - (iii) matters related to FirstNet including advising the governor regarding FirstNet; and
 - (iv) training needs;
 - (c) prepare and submit to the executive director for approval by the board:
 - (i) an annual plan for the Interoperability Division; and
 - (ii) information required by the director to contribute to the comprehensive strategic plan described in Subsection 63H-7a-204(18); and
 - (d) fulfill all other duties imposed on the Interoperability Division by this chapter.
- (2) The Interoperability Division may:
 - (a) recommend to the executive director to own, operate, or enter into contracts related to statewide interoperability, FirstNet, and training;
 - (b) request information needed under Subsection (1)(b)(i) from:
 - (i) the State Tax Commission; and
 - (ii) public safety agencies;
 - (c) employ an outside consultant to study and advise the Interoperability Division on:
 - (i) issues of statewide interoperability;
 - (ii) FirstNet; and
 - (iii) training; and
 - (d) request the board to appoint an advisory committee in accordance with Section 63H-7a-504.

- (3) The information requested by and provided to the Interoperability Division under Subsection (1)(b)(i) is a protected record in accordance with Section 63G-2-305.
- (4) This section does not expand the authority of the State Tax Commission to request additional information from a telecommunication service provider.

Amended by Chapter 123, 2016 General Session

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63H-7a-503 Statewide interoperability coordinator.

The statewide interoperability coordinator shall:

- (1) promote wireless technology information and interoperability among local, state, federal, and other agencies;
- (2) provide a mechanism for coordinating and resolving wireless communication issues among local, state, federal, and other agencies;
- (3) improve data and information sharing and coordination of multijurisdictional responses;
- (4) consider opportunities to consolidate or improve interoperability of infrastructures and technologies;
- (5) evaluate current technologies and determine if they are meeting the needs of agency personnel in respective service areas;
- (6) create and maintain procedures for requesting interoperability channels; and
- (7) act as the FirstNet single point of contact for the authority.

Enacted by Chapter 411, 2015 General Session

63H-7a-504 Interoperability advisory committees.

- (1)
 - (a) There is created within the Interoperability Division, the Interoperability Advisory Committee composed of public safety communications network users and providers appointed by the board in accordance with this section.
 - (b) The board shall appoint a minimum of ten members to the advisory committee:
 - (i) no more than one of whom may be from the same company; and
 - (ii) who represent a balance between public safety communications network users and providers and who meet the requirements of Subsection (2).
- (2) The board shall appoint members to the advisory committee described in Subsection (1)(b) who demonstrate a knowledge of highly technical communications network systems including one or more of the following:
 - (a) the operation of the systems;
 - (b) the technical specifications of the systems components;
 - (c) experience with communication network planning, including the development of new systems and expansion of existing systems;
 - (d) knowledge of microwave and fiber optics based communications systems and how the communications systems integrate across carrier circuits;
 - (e) a strong understanding of the public safety communications network; and
 - (f) experience with level of service agreements for telecommunications.
- (3) The term for each advisory committee member is four years. Each mid-term vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as an appointment under Subsection (1)(b).
- (4) A member appointed to an advisory committee:

- (a) shall not receive compensation or benefits for the member's service on the advisory committee;
 - (b) is not required to give bond for the performance of official duties; and
 - (c) can be removed from the advisory committee by the board based on rules adopted by the board.
- (5) Staff and contracting services to the advisory committee shall be provided by the Interoperability Division.
- (6) Funding for staff and contracting services shall be provided with funds approved by the board from those identified under Section 63H-7a-602.
- (7) A majority of the advisory committee constitutes a quorum for voting purposes.
- (8)
- (a) The advisory committee shall elect co-chairs from the membership of the committee as follows:
 - (i) one shall represent public safety communications network users; and
 - (ii) one shall represent providers.
 - (b) The co-chairs shall report to the board on a regular basis.
- (9) The advisory committee shall:
- (a) provide input and guidance to the Interoperability Division concerning the public safety communications network;
 - (b) advise the Interoperability Division regarding standards related to the public safety communications network;
 - (c) review and make recommendations for the Interoperability Division's strategic plan;
 - (d) provide information and evaluate industry trends related to the Interoperability Division's responsibilities;
 - (e) advise the Interoperability Division regarding professional development;
 - (f) make recommendations regarding the development of cooperative partnerships; and
 - (g) make recommendations to the board in accordance with Subsection 63H-7a-204(18).

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