

SENATE FILE NO. SF0018

Public safety communications.

Sponsored by: Joint Transportation and Highways Interim
Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to public safety communications; renaming
2 the law enforcement communications commission; modifying
3 the duties, composition and authority of the commission;
4 providing definitions; conforming provisions; repealing
5 conflicting provisions; and providing for an effective
6 date.

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8 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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10 **Section 1.** W.S. 9-2-1101, 9-2-1102(a)(intro), (i),
11 (v), by creating new paragraphs (vii) through (xiv) and (c)
12 9-2-1103, 9-2-1104(a)(i), (v) and by creating a new
13 paragraph (vi), 9-2-1105 and 9-2-1106(b)(intro), (i) and
14 (ii) are amended to read:

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ARTICLE 11

1 PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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3 **9-2-1101. Commission; created; definitions.**

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5 (a) The ~~law enforcement~~ public safety communications
6 commission is created.

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8 (b) As used in W.S. 9-2-1101 through 9-2-1104:7

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10 (i) "Public safety agency" means any federal,
11 state or political subdivision entity that provides
12 emergency and public safety services, including state
13 agencies employing peace officers enumerated in W.S.
14 6-1-104(a)(vi)(C) through (F) and approved for
15 participation by the communications commission, fire
16 management services, correctional services, emergency
17 management, emergency and disaster relief services and if
18 desired, county, municipal and federal law enforcement
19 agencies;

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21 (ii) "System" means the ~~highband radio~~ wireless
22 communications network providing regional and statewide
23 radio communications capabilities to ~~the Wyoming game and~~
24 ~~fish department, the Wyoming livestock board, the Wyoming~~

1 ~~highway patrol, the division of criminal investigation,~~
2 ~~office of the attorney general and other state agencies~~
3 ~~employing peace officers enumerated in W.S.~~
4 ~~6-1-104(a)(vi)(C) through (F) and approved for~~
5 ~~participation by the communications commission and if~~
6 ~~desired, to county, municipal and federal law enforcement~~
7 public safety agencies.

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9 **9-2-1102. Commission; composition; appointment of**
10 **members; removal; terms; officers; vacancies; meetings.**

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12 (a) The commission shall consist of ~~seven (7)~~
13 thirteen (13) voting members to be appointed by the
14 governor and who may be removed by the governor as provided
15 in W.S. 9-1-202. ~~One (1) member shall be appointed from the~~
16 ~~public-at-large and the remaining six (6)~~ The thirteen (13)
17 members shall be appointed from ~~a list of four (4) names~~
18 ~~submitted by~~ each of the following associations and
19 agencies from their membership:

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21 (i) Wyoming police chiefs and sheriffs'
22 association;

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1 (v) Wyoming ~~highway patrol; and~~ department of
2 transportation;

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4 (vii) Department of state parks and cultural
5 resources;

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7 (viii) Wyoming fire chiefs' association;

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9 (ix) Wyoming state fire marshal;

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11 (x) Wyoming emergency management agency;

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13 (xi) The public at large;

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15 (xii) Wyoming ambulance and emergency medical
16 services association;

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18 (xiii) Municipal government or a municipal
19 government association; and

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21 (xiv) County government or a county government
22 association.

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1 (c) The commission shall elect from its members a
2 chairman, a vice-chairman and a secretary. Vacancies in
3 these offices shall be filled by the commission from its
4 membership. The commission shall meet at least once every
5 three (3) months. Appointments by the governor shall be
6 made within thirty (30) days of expiration of membership
7 terms. Nominee lists shall be furnished within ten (10)
8 days upon expiration of any membership term. Each ~~voting~~
9 member shall serve a three (3) year term. A vacancy on the
10 commission shall be filled for the unexpired term by the
11 governor. ~~from a list of two (2) names submitted within ten~~
12 ~~(10) days of the vacancy by the appointing association or~~
13 ~~agency.~~

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15 **9-2-1103. Commission; compensation of members.**

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17 ~~Voting~~ Members of the commission shall receive mileage and
18 per diem provided state employees.

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20 **9-2-1104. Commission; powers and duties; advisory**
21 **capacity to promote system development; public meetings;**
22 **clerical and administrative support.**

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24 (a) The commission shall:

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2 (i) Work with the state ~~communications~~
3 ~~consultant~~ chief information officer established by W.S.
4 9-2-1105, the administrator of the information technology
5 division of the department of administration and
6 information and the department of transportation in an
7 advisory capacity to promote the development, improvement
8 and efficiency of ~~law enforcement~~ public safety
9 communications systems in the state;

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11 (v) Promulgate necessary rules and regulations
12 governing system operation and participation and upon
13 failure to comply with adopted rules and regulations, may
14 suspend system use and participation by any participating
15 and noncomplying ~~federal, state or local~~ public safety
16 agency ~~or private entity~~;

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18 (vi) Determine the participation of public
19 safety agencies and private entities in the wireless
20 communications network.

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22 **9-2-1105. Office of state chief information officer**
23 **created.**

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1 The office of the state ~~law enforcement radio~~
2 ~~communications consultant~~ chief information officer is
3 created. He is responsible to the governor. ~~and is referred~~
4 ~~to in W.S. 9-2-1105 and 9-2-1106 as the consultant.~~

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6 **9-2-1106. Office of state chief information officer;**
7 **qualifications; powers and duties; generally.**

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9 (b) The ~~consultant shall~~ state chief information
10 officer may:

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12 (i) Provide technical assistance to ~~local law~~
13 ~~enforcement agencies~~ a public safety agency in the area of
14 radio communications;

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16 (ii) Advise the ~~law enforcement~~ public safety
17 communications commission ~~of the system~~ on technical
18 matters;

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20 **Section 2.** W.S. 9-2-1102(a)(ii) and 9-2-1106(a) and
21 (c) are repealed.

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