

# House File 353 - Enrolled

PAG LIN

1 1 HOUSE FILE 353  
1 2  
1 3 AN ACT  
1 4 RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS BY ESTABLISHING AN  
1 5 IOWA STATEWIDE INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM BOARD.  
1 6  
1 7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
1 8  
1 9 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 80.28 STATEWIDE INTEROPERABLE  
1 10 COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM BOARD == ESTABLISHED == MEMBERS.  
1 11 1. A statewide interoperable communications system board  
1 12 is established, under the joint purview of the department and  
1 13 the state department of transportation. The board shall  
1 14 develop, implement, and oversee policy, operations, and fiscal  
1 15 components of communications interoperability efforts at the  
1 16 state and local level, and coordinate with similar efforts at  
1 17 the federal level, with the ultimate objective of developing  
1 18 and overseeing the operation of a statewide integrated public  
1 19 safety communications interoperability system. For the  
1 20 purposes of this section and section 80.29, "interoperability"  
1 21 means the ability of public safety and public services  
1 22 personnel to communicate and to share data on an immediate  
1 23 basis, on demand, when needed, and when authorized.  
1 24 2. The board shall consist of fifteen voting members, as  
1 25 follows:  
1 26 a. The following members representing state agencies:  
1 27 (1) One member representing the department of public  
1 28 safety.  
1 29 (2) One member representing the state department of  
1 30 transportation.  
1 31 (3) One member representing the homeland security and  
1 32 emergency management division.  
1 33 (4) One member representing the department of corrections.  
1 34 (5) One member representing the department of natural  
1 35 resources.  
2 1 (6) One member representing the Iowa department of public  
2 2 health.  
2 3 b. The following members, to be appointed by the governor:  
2 4 (1) Two members who are representatives from municipal  
2 5 police departments.  
2 6 (2) Two members who are representatives of sheriff's  
2 7 offices.  
2 8 (3) Two members who are representatives from fire  
2 9 departments.  
2 10 (4) Two members who are law communication center managers  
2 11 employed by state or local government agencies.  
2 12 (5) One at-large member.  
2 13 3. Board members shall be appointed in compliance with  
2 14 sections 69.16 and 69.16A. Members shall elect a chairperson  
2 15 and vice chairperson from the board membership, who shall  
2 16 serve two-year terms. The members appointed by the governor  
2 17 shall be appointed to three-year staggered terms and the terms  
2 18 shall commence and end as provided by section 69.19. The  
2 19 governor shall solicit and consider recommendations from  
2 20 professional or volunteer organizations in making appointments  
2 21 to the board. If a vacancy occurs, a successor shall be  
2 22 appointed to serve the unexpired term. A successor shall be  
2 23 appointed in the same manner and subject to the same  
2 24 qualifications as the original appointment to serve the  
2 25 unexpired term. Members of the board are entitled to receive  
2 26 reimbursement for actual expenses incurred while engaged in  
2 27 the performance of official duties from funds appropriated to  
2 28 the department of public safety and the state department of  
2 29 transportation for that purpose. The departments shall enter  
2 30 into an agreement to provide administrative assistance and  
2 31 support to the board.  
2 32 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 80.29 BOARD DUTIES.  
2 33 The statewide interoperable communications system board  
2 34 established in section 80.28 shall:  
2 35 1. Implement and maintain organizational and operational  
3 1 elements of the board, including staffing and program  
3 2 activity.  
3 3 2. Review and monitor communications interoperability

3 4 performance and service levels on behalf of agencies.  
3 5 3. Establish, monitor, and maintain appropriate policies  
3 6 and protocols to ensure that interoperable communications  
3 7 systems function properly.  
3 8 4. Allocate and oversee state appropriations or other  
3 9 funding received for interoperable communications.  
3 10 5. Identify sources for ongoing, sustainable, longer-term  
3 11 funding for communications interoperability projects,  
3 12 including available and future assets that will leverage  
3 13 resources and provide incentives for communications  
3 14 interoperability participation, and develop and obtain  
3 15 adequate funding in accordance with a communications  
3 16 interoperability sustainability plan.  
3 17 6. Develop and evaluate potential legislative solutions to  
3 18 address the funding and resource challenges of implementing  
3 19 statewide communications interoperability initiatives.  
3 20 7. Develop a statewide integrated public safety  
3 21 communications interoperability system that allows for shared  
3 22 communications systems and costs, takes into account  
3 23 infrastructure needs and requirements, improves reliability,  
3 24 and addresses liability concerns of the shared network.  
3 25 8. Investigate data and video interoperability systems.  
3 26 9. Expand, maintain, and fund consistent, periodic  
3 27 training programs for current communications systems and for  
3 28 the statewide integrated public safety communications  
3 29 interoperability system as it is implemented.  
3 30 10. Expand, maintain, and fund stakeholder education,  
3 31 public education, and public official education programs to  
3 32 demonstrate the value of short-term communications  
3 33 interoperability solutions, and to emphasize the importance of  
3 34 developing and funding long-term solutions, including  
3 35 implementation of the statewide integrated public safety  
4 1 communications interoperability system.  
4 2 11. Identify, promote, and provide incentives for  
4 3 appropriate collaborations and partnerships among government  
4 4 entities, agencies, businesses, organizations, and  
4 5 associations, both public and private, relating to  
4 6 communications interoperability.  
4 7 12. Provide incentives to support maintenance and  
4 8 expansion of regional efforts to promote implementation of the  
4 9 statewide integrated public safety communications  
4 10 interoperability system.  
4 11 13. In performing its duties, consult with representatives  
4 12 of private businesses, organizations, and associations on  
4 13 technical matters relating to data, video, and communications  
4 14 interoperability; technological developments in private  
4 15 industry; and potential collaboration and partnership  
4 16 opportunities.  
4 17 14. Submit a report by January 1, annually, to the members  
4 18 of the general assembly regarding communications  
4 19 interoperability efforts, activities, and effectiveness at the  
4 20 local and regional level, and shall include a status report  
4 21 regarding the development of a statewide integrated public  
4 22 safety communications interoperability system, and funding  
4 23 requirements relating thereto.  
4 24  
4 25  
4 26

4 27 \_\_\_\_\_  
4 28 PATRICK J. MURPHY  
4 29 Speaker of the House  
4 30

4 31 \_\_\_\_\_  
4 32 JOHN P. KIBBIE  
4 33 President of the Senate  
4 34

4 35 I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and  
5 1 is known as House File 353, Eighty-second General Assembly.  
5 2  
5 3  
5 4

5 5 \_\_\_\_\_  
5 6 MARK BRANDSGARD  
5 7 Chief Clerk of the House

5 7 Approved \_\_\_\_\_, 2007  
5 8  
5 9  
5 10

5 11 \_\_\_\_\_  
5 12 CHESTER J. CULVER  
5 12 Governor