

Senate File 20 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing access and communication through the Iowa
2 communications network between local law enforcement
3 agencies, E911 public safety answering points, and related
4 facilities.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 8D.9, subsection 3, Code 2015, is amended
2 by striking the subsection.

3 Sec. 2. Section 8D.13, subsection 18, Code 2015, is amended
4 to read as follows:

5 18. Access to the network shall be offered to the department
6 of public safety, ~~and the department of public defense, and the~~
7 department of homeland security and emergency management for
8 the purpose of establishing and operating a shared ~~data-only~~
9 secure statewide network providing law enforcement, emergency
10 management, disaster service, emergency warning, and other
11 emergency information dissemination services to federal, state,
12 and local law enforcement agencies as provided in sections 80.9
13 and 80.9B, ~~and local emergency management offices established~~
14 under the authority of sections 29C.9 and 29C.10, and the
15 department of homeland security and emergency management.

16 Sec. 3. Section 8D.13, Code 2015, is amended by adding the
17 following new subsections:

18 NEW SUBSECTION. 18A. Access to the network shall be
19 offered to local law enforcement agencies for the purpose of
20 providing a secure statewide communications network for the
21 local law enforcement agencies and local emergency management
22 offices to facilitate more effective emergency response
23 services and to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the
24 people of this state. A local law enforcement agency or local
25 emergency management office shall be responsible for all costs
26 associated with the connection to and the use of the network,
27 excluding any costs associated with access provided through
28 the department of public safety and the department of homeland
29 security and emergency management as provided under subsection
30 18.

31 NEW SUBSECTION. 20. Access to the network shall be offered
32 to all public safety answering points established and operated
33 under chapters 34 and 34A, and facilities that receive E911
34 dispatches, for the purpose of establishing and operating a
35 secure statewide network for public safety answering points

1 and facilities that receive E911 dispatches to facilitate more
2 effective emergency response and to protect the health, safety,
3 and welfare of the people of this state. A public safety
4 answering point or facility that receives E911 dispatches shall
5 be responsible for all costs associated with the connection and
6 use of the network.

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EXPLANATION

8 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
9 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

10 This bill allows access to the Iowa communications network
11 to local law enforcement agencies, public safety answering
12 points, and facilities that receive E911 dispatches for the
13 purpose of establishing and operating a secure statewide
14 network to facilitate more effective emergency responses. The
15 bill provides that the local law enforcement agency, local
16 emergency management office, public safety answering point, or
17 E911 dispatch facility is responsible for the costs associated
18 with connection and use of the network. The bill also adds a
19 reference to the department of homeland security and emergency
20 management regarding access to the network.

21 The bill eliminates a provision relating to restrictions
22 of certain public agencies to access the Iowa communications
23 network solely for homeland security communication purposes
24 and disaster communication purposes and only upon a state of
25 disaster emergency proclaimed by the governor.