

Senate Study Bill 1112 - Introduced

SENATE/HOUSE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED DEPARTMENT OF
HOMELAND SECURITY AND
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT BILL)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing access and communication through the Iowa
2 communications network for local emergency management
3 offices.
4 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 subsection:

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

28 EXPLANATION

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

31 This bill allows access to the Iowa communications network
32 to local emergency management offices for the purpose of
33 establishing and operating a secure statewide network to
34 facilitate more effective emergency responses. The bill
35 provides that the local emergency management office is

1 responsible for the costs associated with connection and use of
2 the network. The bill also adds a reference to the department
3 of homeland security and emergency management regarding access
4 to the network.

5 The bill eliminates a provision relating to restrictions
6 of certain public agencies to access the Iowa communications
7 network solely for homeland security communication purposes
8 and disaster communication purposes and only upon a state of
9 disaster emergency proclaimed by the governor.