

Statewide Land Mobile Radio Communications System Fund Senate File 2155

Last Action:

**Senate Appropriations
Committee**

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An Act creating a statewide land mobile radio communications system fund, making an appropriation, and including effective date provisions.

**Fiscal Services Division
Legislative Services Agency**

NOTES ON BILLS AND AMENDMENTS (NOBA)

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FUNDING SUMMARY

This bill creates a Statewide Land Mobile Radio Communications System Fund under the purview of the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management. The bill provides an FY 2016 supplemental General Fund appropriation of \$20.4 million to the Fund for the operation and construction of the System. The bill requires nonreversion of these funds until June 30, 2022.

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Senate File 2155 provides for the following changes to the Code of Iowa.

Page #	Line #	Bill Section	Action	Code Section
1	1	1	New	29C.24

1 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION 29C.24 STATEWIDE LAND MOBILE RADIO
1 2 COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM FUND CREATED.

1 3 1. A statewide land mobile radio communications system
1 4 fund is created in the state treasury under the control of
1 5 the department. Moneys in the fund are appropriated to the
1 6 department for purposes of establishing a statewide land
1 7 mobile radio communications system to be administered by the
1 8 department in coordination with the department of public safety
1 9 and the department of transportation.

1 10 2. Notwithstanding section 12C.7, subsection 2, interest
1 11 or earnings on moneys in the fund shall be credited to the
1 12 fund and shall be used for costs associated with construction
1 13 of the statewide land mobile radio communications system.
1 14 Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys credited to the fund that
1 15 remain unexpended or unobligated at the end of a fiscal year
1 16 through the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June
1 17 30, 2022, shall not revert to any other fund.

CODE: Creates a Statewide Land Mobile Radio Communications System Fund under the purview of the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management.

DETAIL: The ability to communicate across jurisdictional lines is referred to as interoperability of communications. There have been many instances of natural disaster or criminal responses across various governmental entity boundaries with first responders not being able to communicate readily with each other. A statewide land to mobile radio communications platform enables communication to occur between jurisdictions. This platform will support day-to-day operations as well as emergency multi-agency, multi-jurisdiction operations. The statewide radio platform is estimated to cost a total of \$68.3 million for infrastructure, towers, and maintenance for any city, county, or state public safety user if obtained through a lease purchase arrangement including financing. This bill clarifies that the platform will be purchased outright and appropriates a partial payment of \$20,371,298 to accomplish this.

For FY 2016, HF 651 (E911 Funding) appropriated \$4,000,000 from the E911 Emergency Communications Fund to the Homeland Security and Emergency Management Department to pay for the lease costs associated with the statewide land mobile radio communications system that will interface with the Iowa interoperability radio platform. This system will be under the joint purview of the Department of Public Safety (DPS) and the Department of Transportation (DOT). The three Departments are to jointly submit a biannual report to the Iowa Statewide Interoperable Communications System Board beginning July 1, 2016.

For additional information regarding the communications system, see the following Fiscal Services Division *Fiscal Topic* publications:

[Budget Unit: Radio Communications Platform Lease](#)

[Budget Unit: Iowa Statewide Interoperable Communications Systems Board](#)

[Budget Unit: Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management](#)

[Budget Unit: E911 Surcharge Administration](#)

1 18 Sec. 2. STATEWIDE LAND MOBILE RADIO COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM
1 19 APPROPRIATION. There is appropriated from the general fund
1 20 of the state for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, and
1 21 ending June 30, 2016, the following amount, or so much thereof
1 22 as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

General Fund supplemental appropriation for FY 2016 to the Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security.

DETAIL: The funds are to be used for the operation and construction of the statewide land mobile radio communications system.

1 23 For deposit in the statewide land mobile radio
1 24 communications system fund created in section 29C.24:
1 25 \$ 20,371,298

1 26 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE UPON ENACTMENT. This Act, being deemed of
1 27 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

This bill is effective on enactment.

Justice System

General Fund

	Actual FY 2015 (1)	Estimated FY 2016 (2)	Supp-Senate Approp FY 2016 (3)
<u>Homeland Security and Emergency Mgmt</u>			
Homeland Security and Emergency Management			
Radio Communication System-CSF	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 20,371,298
Total Homeland Security and Emergency Mgmt	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 20,371,298
Total Justice System	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 20,371,298