

## MEMORANDUM

To: Chairperson McGinn and members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee

From: Jill Wolters, First Assistant Revisor and Kyle Hamilton, Assistant Revisor

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Subject: **Sub. for HB 2556, statewide interoperability advisory committee**

In 2007, executive order 07-27 established the statewide interoperability executive committee. Substitute for HB 2556 would re-establish that entity via statute. The bill establishes the state interoperability advisory committee and outlines the advisory committee's authority. As indicated by its name, the advisory committee would be advisory in nature and would make policy recommendations to the adjutant general's department concerning various public safety communications issues including: increased communications and interagency coordination for the purpose of safeguarding and informing the public of public safety risks and operations; increased communications and interagency coordination to enhance public safety interoperable communications; input on statewide contracts for public safety communications equipment, software and consulting services; and the development, release and review of public safety communications technology public-private partnerships.

Subsection (b)(2) includes express limits on the committee's authority.

Subsection (c) would state that the state emergency management director will oversee the advisory committee. The director would appoint a statewide interoperability coordinator to administer the advisory committee's business. The coordinator would also serve as the advisory committee's chairperson and appoint the vice-chairperson.

Members of the advisory committee are the following:

- (1) The state emergency management director;
- (2) the statewide interoperability coordinator;
- (3) the secretary of transportation or the secretary's designee;
- (4) the superintendent of the highway patrol or the superintendent's designee;
- (5) the executive branch chief information security officer or the executive branch chief information security officer's designee;
- (6) one tribal representative appointed by the governor;

- (7) the 911 coordinating council administrator or the administrator's designee;
- (8) the chief executive officer of the state board of regents or the chief executive officer's designee;
- (9) one member appointed by the Kansas association of public safety communications officials;
- (10) one member appointed by the Kansas sheriffs' association;
- (11) one member appointed by the emergency medical services board;
- (12) one member appointed by the Kansas association of chiefs of police;
- (13) one member appointed by the Kansas state association of fire chiefs;
- (14) one member appointed by the mid-America regional council;
- (15) one member appointed by the league of Kansas municipalities;
- (16) one member appointed by the Kansas association of counties;

Members of the committee are required to be appointed by August 1, 2018, and the committee's first meeting will be held prior to September 1, 2018. The committee would meet at least once every quarter of the calendar year.

Subsection (f) would establish an executive subcommittee to assist in the administration of the advisory committee's business when the full advisory committee is not meeting. It would be composed of the director, the coordinator, the secretary of transportation and the superintendent of the highway patrol.

Subsection (g) would allow the advisory committee's chairperson to convene working groups, as needed, to make recommendations to the advisory committee and to add additional subject matter experts to assist the working groups.

Subsection (h) would require the director to provide staff support for the committee and the working groups.

The provision from the introduced version of the bill concerning member reimbursements was removed. The provision requiring the group to submit an annual report to certain legislative committees was also removed. According to stakeholders, a report of the advisory committee's progress would be incorporated into the Adjutant General's Annual Report.

Sub. for HB 2556 would become effective upon publication in the statute book.