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HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE ENGROSSED NO. **HB1292** - 2/18/99

Introduced by: Representative Eccarius

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to make legislative findings and recommendations for
2 improvement to the 911 emergency notification system and to provide for the development
3 of a statewide comprehensive plan.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

5 Section 1. That chapter 34-45 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as
6 follows:

7 The Legislature finds there is a current and immediate need for a statewide integrated and
8 coordinated interoperable public safety communications network. This system should provide
9 voice, data, and radio communications links to all responding agencies that deliver emergency
10 services within South Dakota. The network should allow a public safety answering point to
11 communicate with any emergency responder within the geographic boundaries of South Dakota.
12 The network should also provide for communications between responding agencies who render
13 assistance outside of their normal jurisdiction and public safety answering points.

14 There is a present need for a comprehensive telecommunications plan to facilitate and
15 optimize the structure and utilization of statewide integrated telecommunications networks and
16 services. Such a plan should consider and encompass current and future communications

1 technology, the development of technical and operational standards for such a network,
2 oversight of public safety answering points, and relevant regulatory issues. The Bureau of
3 Information and Telecommunications shall develop in cooperation with the groups identified in
4 section 3 of this Act such a plan by November 1, 1999.

5 Section 2. That chapter 34-45 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as
6 follows:

7 The State of South Dakota shall by July 1, 2001, integrate telecommunications functions and
8 facilities of those state agencies, which currently operate their own systems, into one cohesive
9 and integrated network. These agencies currently include State Radio Communications in the
10 Office of the Attorney General; the Bureau of Information and Telecommunications; the Division
11 of Emergency Management in the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs; Public
12 Broadcasting in the Bureau of Information and Telecommunications; the Department of Game,
13 Fish and Parks; the Department of Transportation; the Division of Forestry in the Department
14 of Agriculture; and the Highway Patrol in the Department of Commerce and Regulation.

15 Section 3. That chapter 34-45 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as
16 follows:

17 The South Dakota 911 Coordinated Statewide System Task Force created pursuant to § 34-
18 45-18 is hereby continued and shall be expanded to include at least one representative from each
19 of the following groups: Division of Highway Patrol, telecommunications companies, municipal
20 government, police chiefs, county government, sheriffs, fire services, emergency managers,
21 emergency medical technicians, and existing public safety answering points. The task force shall
22 review the comprehensive telecommunications plan, conduct public hearings, and seek additional
23 public input as deemed appropriate.

24 Section 4. That chapter 34-45 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as
25 follows:

1 The comprehensive telecommunications plan shall review current configurations of enhanced
2 911 centers throughout South Dakota, as well as for the provision of service to areas not
3 presently served by a 911 center. The plan shall identify the costs, funding, services, and
4 timetable for implementation of recommended configurations or other proposed changes.

5 Section 5. That chapter 34-45 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as
6 follows:

7 Each public safety answering point shall obtain a full audit report on 911 traffic from its
8 telephone service provider and provide that information to the Bureau of Information and
9 Telecommunications for use in the preparation of the comprehensive telecommunications plan.
10 Each public safety answering point shall provide the audit report to the bureau no later than
11 August 2, 1999.

12 Section 6. That chapter 34-45 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as
13 follows:

14 The comprehensive telecommunications plan shall further be based on the following goals:

- 15 (1) Enhanced 911 services shall be available from every telephone in South Dakota;
- 16 (2) All wireline and wireless customers shall reach an enhanced 911 center when they
17 initiate a request for emergency services, by dialing 911; and
- 18 (3) All enhanced 911 services and facilities within the state shall conform to minimum
19 technical, operational, and procedural standards.

20 Section 7. That chapter 34-45 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as
21 follows:

22 The Legislature finds and determines that modern technology allows for universal statewide
23 access to enhanced 911 services. The Legislature seeks the fewest number of public safety
24 answering points, without causing any loss or degradation in the quality and level of service
25 presently received by the public. The comprehensive telecommunications plan shall recommend

1 a configuration of public safety answering points in South Dakota based on a set of minimum
2 technical, operational, and procedural standards.

3 Section 8. The Legislature shall approve the comprehensive telecommunications plan.

1 **BILL HISTORY**

2 2/1/99 First read in House and referred to committee assignment waived. H.J. 286

3 2/2/99 Referred to State Affairs. H.J. 318

4 2/16/99 Scheduled for Committee hearing on this date.

5 2/16/99 State Affairs Do Pass Amended, Passed, AYES 13, NAYS 0. H.J. 559