



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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SB2946

Introduced 1/27/2026, by Sen. Patrick J. Joyce

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 2615/10

Amends the Illinois State Police Radio Act. Provides that the Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC) shall oversee governance, interoperability, and land mobile radio standards for Illinois' land mobile radio communications system and shall collaborate with the Office of the Statewide 9-1-1 Administrator and the Office of the Statewide Interoperability Coordinator to strengthen Illinois' emergency communications ecosystem. Provides that the SIEC may designate subcommittees necessary to effectuate its responsibilities. Provides that the voting membership of the SIEC must, at a minimum, include the Statewide Interoperability Coordinator, the Statewide 9-1-1 Administrator, the Director of the Secretary of the State Police or the Director's designee, and at least one representative from each of the following, appointed by the Governor: an association representing Illinois fire chiefs, an association representing Illinois fire protection districts, the Office of the State Fire Marshal, an association representing Illinois chiefs of police, an association representing Illinois sheriffs, the Illinois State Police, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency and Office of Homeland Security, the Department of Public Health, the Department of Innovation and Technology, and the Department of Military Affairs. Removes references to the STARCOM21 Oversight Committee. Requires the SIEC to, no later than July 1, 2027, establish standards necessary to ensure land mobile radio equipment interoperates throughout Illinois; planning, training, and evaluation standards necessary to enhance public safety communications operational readiness; and standards necessary for the unification of the Integrated Public Alert and Warning System statewide. Requires the SIEC to annually review existing statutory law and make recommendations for legislative changes to ensure efficient, effective, reliable, and sustainable communications interoperability statewide (rather than make recommendations concerning better integration of the Integrated Public Alert and Warning System statewide and develop a plan to sustainably fund radio infrastructure, radio equipment, and interoperability statewide). Effective July 1, 2026.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois State Police Radio Act is amended
5 by changing Section 10 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 2615/10)

7 Sec. 10. Public safety radio interoperability.

8 (a) In this Section, "interoperability" means the ability
9 of emergency response providers and relevant government
10 officials to communicate across jurisdictions, disciplines,
11 and levels of government as needed and as authorized.

12 (b) The ~~Upon their establishment and thereafter, the~~
13 Director of the Illinois State Police, or his or her designee,
14 shall serve as the chairman of the Illinois Statewide
15 Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC). The SIEC shall
16 oversee governance, interoperability, and land mobile radio
17 standards for Illinois' land mobile radio communications
18 system and shall collaborate with the Office of the Statewide
19 9-1-1 Administrator and the Office of the Statewide
20 Interoperability Coordinator to strengthen Illinois' emergency
21 communications ecosystem ~~and as the chairman of the STARCOM21~~
22 ~~Oversight Committee.~~ The SIEC may designate subcommittees
23 necessary to effectuate its responsibilities under this

1 Section. The Director or his or her designee, as chairman, may
2 increase the size and makeup of the voting membership of the
3 SIEC ~~each committee~~ when deemed necessary for improved public
4 safety radio interoperability, but the voting membership ~~of~~
5 ~~each committee~~ must represent public safety users (police,
6 fire, or EMS) and must, at a minimum, include the Statewide
7 Interoperability Coordinator, the Statewide 9-1-1
8 Administrator, the Director of the Secretary of State Police
9 or the Director's designee, and at least one representative
10 from each of the following, appointed by the Governor: an
11 association representing Illinois fire chiefs, an association
12 representing Illinois fire protection districts, the Office of
13 the State Fire Marshal, an association representing Illinois
14 chiefs of police, an association representing Illinois
15 sheriffs, the Illinois State Police, the Illinois Emergency
16 Management Agency and Office of Homeland Security, the
17 Department of Public Health, the Department of Innovation and
18 Technology, and the Department of Military Affairs
19 ~~representatives specified in this Section.~~

20 Committee members ~~The STARCOM21 Oversight Committee must~~
21 ~~comprise public safety users accessing the system and shall~~
22 ~~include the Statewide Interoperability Coordinator. The~~
23 ~~members of the STARCOM21 Oversight Committee shall serve~~
24 without compensation and may, at the call of the Chair, meet in
25 person or remotely. The SIEC shall adopt bylaws for its
26 effective operation, as well as that of its subcommittees, and

1 may appoint advisors from the public safety communications
2 community to serve on any subcommittees at the pleasure of the
3 SIEC. The Illinois State Police shall provide administrative
4 and other support to the SIEC and any duly created
5 subcommittees ~~STARCOM21 Oversight Committee.~~

6 (c) The SIEC ~~STARCOM21 Oversight Committee~~ shall:

7 (1) no later than July 1, 2027, establish:

8 (A) standards necessary to ensure land mobile
9 radio equipment interoperates throughout Illinois;

10 (B) planning, training, and evaluation standards
11 necessary to enhance public safety communications
12 operational readiness; and

13 (C) standards necessary for the unification of the
14 Integrated Public Alert and Warning System statewide
15 ~~review existing statutory law and make recommendations~~
16 ~~for legislative changes to ensure efficient,~~
17 ~~effective, reliable, and sustainable radio~~
18 ~~interoperability statewide;~~

19 (2) (blank) ~~make recommendations concerning better~~
20 ~~integration of the Integrated Public Alert and Warning~~
21 ~~System statewide; and~~

22 (3) annually review existing statutory law and make
23 recommendations for legislative changes to ensure
24 efficient, effective, reliable, and sustainable
25 communications interoperability statewide ~~develop a plan~~
26 ~~to sustainably fund radio infrastructure, radio equipment,~~

1 ~~and interoperability statewide.~~

2 ~~The SIEC shall have at a minimum one representative from~~
3 ~~each of the following: the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association,~~
4 ~~the Rural Fire Protection Association, the Office of the State~~
5 ~~Fire Marshal, the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police,~~
6 ~~the Illinois Sheriffs' Association, the Illinois State Police,~~
7 ~~the Illinois Emergency Management Agency, the Department of~~
8 ~~Public Health, and the Secretary of State Police (which~~
9 ~~representative shall be the Director of the Secretary of State~~
10 ~~Police or his or her designee).~~

11 (Source: P.A. 102-538, eff. 8-20-21; 103-34, eff. 6-9-23.)

12 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,
13 2026.