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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Interoperability in communications is an urgent  
3 problem affecting every level of government as well as citizen  
4 trust in government; and

5 WHEREAS, Communications interoperability is also  
6 recognized as a vital element of effective day-to-day public  
7 safety services; and

8 WHEREAS, Interoperable communications is required in the  
9 management of a variety of incidents, ranging from Amber alerts  
10 to hurricanes, that typically require a response from  
11 multi-agency task forces; and

12 WHEREAS, When multiple first-responder organizations  
13 convene at an incident scene, their radios are frequently  
14 incompatible because they operate over different frequencies  
15 and use different technologies; and

16 WHEREAS, Public safety agencies have tried many approaches  
17 to improve interoperability in communications, including  
18 swapping radios, mutual-aid channels, and gateways that bridge  
19 2 or more radio systems; and

20 WHEREAS, All of these approaches provide some benefit, but

1 none completely solves the inherent limitations of radio  
2 communications; and

3 WHEREAS, It is necessary for local governments in Illinois  
4 to be able to communicate with one another, especially in the  
5 case of an emergency; and

6 WHEREAS, Local officials in Illinois appreciate the  
7 funding that will be awarded to areas around the State of  
8 Illinois in the coming months for the Public Safety  
9 Interoperable Communications Grant Program; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL  
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge the Illinois  
12 Congressional Delegation to support an increase in funding for  
13 the Public Safety Interoperable Communications Grant Program  
14 the next time this program comes up for renewal; and be it  
15 further

16 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
17 presented to all members of the Illinois Congressional  
18 Delegation, the Governor of Illinois, and the Chairman of the  
19 Illinois Terrorism Task Force.