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SENATE BILL 458

By: Senator B. Sample

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO TRANSFER THE ARKANSAS WIRELESS INFORMATION NETWORK TO THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO TRANSFER THE ARKANSAS WIRELESS INFORMATION NETWORK TO THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Transfer of the Arkansas Wireless Information Network to the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management.

(a) The Arkansas Wireless Information Network is transferred to the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management.

(b) All authority, powers, duties, functions, records, personnel, property, unexpended balances of appropriations, allocations, and other funds, including the functions of budgeting and purchasing of the Arkansas Wireless Information Network, are transferred to the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 12-75-111, concerning the powers and duties of the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(c)(1) The department shall administer and operate the Arkansas



Wireless Information Network.

(2) The department shall perform all functions necessary to maintain and operate the Arkansas Wireless Information Network, including without limitation:

(A) Employ personnel;

(B) Manage, maintain, and acquire all equipment and assets;

(C) Enter into contracts and lease agreements on behalf of the Arkansas Wireless Information Network; and

(D) Administer the budget, expenditures, and all funding of the Arkansas Wireless Information Network.

SECTION 3. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that this act revises the duties of the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management; that these revisions impact the expenses and operations of the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management; and that the provisions of this act should become effective at the beginning of the fiscal year to allow for implementation of the new provisions at the beginning of the fiscal year. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and this act being necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, shall become effective on July 1, 2019.

/s/B. Sample

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