# 2007   BILL

1   AN ACT *to create* 15.107 (18), 16.964 (1) (j) and 16.9645 of the statutes; **relating**

2   **to:** creating an interoperability council.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

This bill is explained in the NOTES provided by the Joint Legislative Council in the bill.

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### *The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

JOINT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PREFATORY NOTE:  This bill was prepared for the Joint Legislative Council's Special Committee on Disaster Preparedness Planning.  It makes the current state interoperability executive council, which was created by executive order, a statutory council attached to the Department of Administration (DOA) for administrative purposes.

The council is renamed the interoperability council and consists of 15 members including:

1.  The executive director of the office of justice assistance (OJA), the adjutant general, the secretary of natural resources, the secretary of transportation, and a representative of DOA with knowledge of information technology, or their designees.

2.  Ten members appointed by the governor for staggered 4–year terms, as follows: a police chief, an emergency medical services director, a fire chief, a sheriff, a local government elected official, a local emergency management director, a tribal representative, a hospital representative, a local health department representative, and one other person with relevant experience or expertise in interoperable communications.

The governor designates the chair and vice chair of the council.

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Under the bill, OJA (which is housed in DOA) will provide staff support to the council and oversee the development and operation of a statewide public safety interoperable communication system.

The council serves in an advisory capacity to OJA and is responsible for the following activities relating to a statewide public safety interoperable communication system:

1. Identifying types of agencies and entities to be included in the system, in addition to public safety agencies.

2. Recommending short–term and long–term goals to develop the system and a strategy and timeline for achieving those goals.

3. Assisting OJA in identifying and obtaining funding to implement the system and advising OJA on allocating funds.

4. Making recommendations to OJA on:

a. Technical and operational standards, guidelines, and procedures for public safety interoperable communications.

b. Minimum standards for the communications systems, facilities, and equipment used by dispatch centers.

c. Certification criteria for persons operating dispatch center communications.

1     SECTION 1. 15.107 (18) of the statutes is created to read:

2     15.107 **(18)** INTEROPERABILITY COUNCIL. (a) There is created an interoperability

3 council, attached to the department of administration under s. 15.03.

4     (b) The council consists of all of the following:

5     1. The executive director of the office of justice assistance, the adjutant general,

6 the secretary of natural resources, the secretary of transportation, and a

7 representative from the department of administration with knowledge of

8 information technology, or their designees.

9     2. Ten members appointed by the governor for staggered 4–year terms,

10 including a chief of police, a sheriff, a chief of a fire department, a director of

11 emergency medical services, a local government elected official, a local emergency

12 management director, a representative of a federally recognized American Indian

13 tribe or band in this state, a hospital representative, a local health department

14 representative, and one other person with relevant experience or expertise in

15 interoperable communications.

1      (c) The governor shall designate a member of the council as the chairperson and

2      a member as the vice chairperson.

3          **SECTION 2.** 16.964 (1) (j) of the statutes is created to read:

4          16.964 **(1)** (j)  Provide staff support for the interoperability council under s.

5      16.9645 and oversight of the development and operation of a statewide public safety

6      interoperable communication system.

7          **SECTION 3.** 16.9645 of the statutes is created to read:

8          **16.9645  Interoperability council. (1)**  In this section:

9          (a) "Council" means the interoperability council created under s. 15.107 (18).

10         (b) "Dispatch center" has the meaning given for "public safety answering point"

11     in s. 146.70 (1) (gm).

> NOTE: "Public safety answering point" is defined as a facility to which a call on a
> basic or sophisticated system is initially routed for response, and on which a public agency
> directly dispatches the appropriate emergency service provider, relays a message to the
> appropriate emergency service provider, or transfers the call to the appropriate
> emergency services provider.

12         (c)  "Interoperability" means the ability of public safety agencies to

13     communicate with each other and with agencies and entities identified under sub.

14     (2) (a) by means of radio or associated communications systems, including the

15     exchange of voice, data, or video communications on demand and in real time, as

16     needed and authorized.

17         (d) "Public safety agency" has the meaning given in s. 146.70 (1) (g).

> NOTE: "Public safety agency" means a functional division of a public agency which
> provides fire fighting, law enforcement, medical or other emergency services.

18         **(2)** The council shall do all of the following:

19         (a)   Identify types of agencies and entities, including public works and

20     transportation agencies, hospitals, and volunteer emergency services agencies to be

1   included, in addition to public safety agencies, in a statewide public safety

2   interoperable communication system.

3        (b)  Recommend short–term and long–term goals to achieve a statewide public

4   safety interoperable communication system.

5        (c)  Recommend and periodically review a strategy and timeline for achieving

6   the goals under par. (b), including objectives for local units of government.

7        (d)  Assist the office of justice assistance in identifying and obtaining funding

8   to implement a statewide public safety interoperable communication system.

9        (e)  Advise the office of justice assistance on allocating funds, including those

10  available for homeland security, for the purpose of achieving the goals under par. (b).

11       (f)   Make recommendations to the office of justice assistance on all of the

12  following:

13       1.   Technical and operational standards for public safety interoperable

14  communication systems.

15       2.    Guidelines  and  procedures  for  using  public  safety  interoperable

16  communication systems.

17       3.  Minimum standards for public safety interoperable communication systems,

18  facilities, and equipment used by dispatch centers.

19       4.  Certification criteria for persons who operate public safety interoperable

20  communication systems for dispatch centers.

21       SECTION 4. **Nonstatutory provisions.**

22       (1) INITIAL TERMS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS.  Notwithstanding section 15.107 (18) (b)

23  2. of the statutes, as created by this act, the initial terms of 5 of the members of the

24  interoperability council appointed under section 15.107 (18) (b) 2. of the statutes, as

25  created by this act, shall expire on July 1, 2009, and the terms of the other 5 members

1    of the council appointed under section 15.107 (18) (b) 2. of the statutes, as created by

2    this act, shall expire on July 1, 2011.

3                              **(END)**