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COMMITTEE BILL

Capital Development Committee

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**BILL TOPIC: "Private Entities Use State Telecom Network"**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING THE USE OF THE STATE TELECOMMUNICATIONS**  
102 **NETWORK BY PRIVATE ENTITIES THROUGH PUBLIC-PRIVATE**  
103 **PARTNERSHIPS.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov/>.)*

**Capital Development Committee.** The bill authorizes private entities to use the state telecommunications network through public-private partnerships considered, evaluated, and accepted by the department of public safety.

*Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.  
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2           **SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general assembly  
3 hereby finds and declares that:

4           (a) By almost any measure, the thousands of public safety  
5 communications networks in the United States today are inadequate;

6           (b) The most discussed problem is the lack of interoperability,  
7 which means that in many places emergency workers such as police and  
8 firefighters have incompatible communications systems that prevent them  
9 from interacting with one another;

10           (c) Current public safety infrastructure is also unnecessarily  
11 expensive because all these independent and overlapping networks  
12 require an order of magnitude more towers than would otherwise be  
13 needed; and

14           (d) There is an opportunity to approach these problems by  
15 considering public-private partnerships, which the general assembly  
16 encourages the department of public safety to study and contemplate.

17           **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-33.5-223, **amend**  
18 (2)(b) as follows:

19           **24-33.5-223. State telecommunications network.** (2) (b) The  
20 facilities of the network shall be made available for the use of:

21           (I) State departments, state institutions, state agencies, and law  
22 enforcement and public safety political subdivisions of the state;

23           (II) Other local, state, and federal governmental entities or public  
24 safety-related nonprofit organizations that directly support any agency  
25 described in subparagraph (I) of this paragraph (b) SUBSECTION (2)(b)(I)  
26 OF THIS SECTION and that:

1 (A) May be requested to support the purposes expressed in section  
2 24-37.5-502 (1)(c) and (1)(e) and aggregate telecommunications service  
3 requirements of any public office described in section 24-32-3001 (1)(h);  
4 or

5 (B) Make donations, grants, bequests, and other contributions to  
6 the public safety communications trust fund pursuant to section  
7 24-37.5-506 (2)(b); OR

8 (III) PRIVATE ENTITIES THROUGH PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS  
9 CONSIDERED, EVALUATED, AND ACCEPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

10 **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
11 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
12 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August  
13 8, 2018, if adjournment sine die is on May 9, 2018); except that, if a  
14 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the  
15 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
16 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect  
17 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
18 November 2018 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
19 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor. <{Ask  
20 committee}>