AN ACT

To enact Subpart L of Part II-A of Chapter 1 of Subtitle I of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 39:100.41, relative to state funds; to establish the Louisiana Interoperability Communications Fund as a special fund in the state treasury; to provide for the dedication, deposit, use, and investment of monies in the fund; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. Subpart L of Part II-A of Chapter 1 of Subtitle I of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 39:100.41, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

SUBPART L. LOUISIANA INTEROPERABILITY COMMUNICATIONS FUND

§100.41. Louisiana Interoperability Communications Fund

A. There is hereby established in the state treasury, as a special fund, the Louisiana Interoperability Communications Fund, hereinafter referred to as the "fund".

B. Subject to a legislative appropriation, the treasurer is authorized and directed on the effective date of this Act to deposit any monies available into the fund from the general fund. Monies in the fund shall also include any monies appropriated annually to the fund by the legislature, including federal funds; donations, gifts, or grants; and any other monies which may be provided by law to be deposited in the fund. The monies in this fund shall be appropriated, administered, and used solely as provided in Subsection C of this Section and only in the amounts appropriated annually by the legislature. All unexpended and unencumbered monies in this fund at the end of the fiscal year shall remain in the fund.

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fund. The monies in this fund shall be invested by the state treasurer in the same
manner as monies in the state general fund, and interest earned on the investment of
these monies shall be credited to this fund.

C. Monies in the fund shall be appropriated and used solely to establish,
design, develop, acquire, construct, administer, operate, and maintain an
interoperability communications system within the state to serve state and local
emergency and first responders and to meet National Incident Management Systems
(NIMS) communication requirements, which shall include but not be limited to
administration and staff support, training, acquisition and implementation of
hardware and software systems, voice system upgrades, Internet protocol systems,
equipment upgrades, wireless, broadband and relay systems, and the maintenance of
all feasible interoperability systems, and an all-hazards emergency alert system
which shall be able to support a text-based emergency alert and notification system
containing messaging, e-mail, Internet access, cellular capability, desktop alert
applications, prerecorded voice messages and text pager messages, and satellite
phone and satellite radio with two-way send and reply capabilities, and include a web
site which provides emergency information to the citizens of the state including but
not limited to such things as information relative to the Department of Homeland
Security and Emergency Preparedness, Federal Emergency Management Agency,
charities and faith-based groups that provide relief during times of emergency, and
state and local shelters operating during a declared state of emergency; evacuation
plans and routes; home safety including emergency kits, the supplying of food and
water, pet care, and sheltering in place; and communications information, as well as
a rapid communications system which shall have at a minimum a text-based
emergency alert and notification component where users may self-register to receive
all-hazards emergency information from their local parishes and the state and users
can manage their personal contact information whether by e-mail, cell phone, pager,
or personal digital assistant as they choose. The text-based alert and notification
system shall be capable of enabling local and state emergency officials to send text
alerts to such users based upon their preferences or geographical location by parish,
emergency preparedness and homeland security regions, or statewide, and the system
shall be capable of tracking replies from such users.

D. The Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency
Preparedness, the office of the chief information officer, the Department of Public
Safety and Corrections, and the members of the Statewide Interoperable
Communication System Executive Committee shall assist, as requested by the
governor, in the implementation and establishment of an interoperability
communications system within the state, including but not limited to applying for
grants or financial assistance from the federal government, individuals, or
corporations.

E. Appropriations from the fund to an entity which exceed ten percent
individually or in the aggregate of the total appropriations made from the fund in that
fiscal year shall not be implemented until the entity receiving the appropriation has
submitted an expenditure plan for approval to the Joint Legislative Committee on the
Budget. All expenditures shall comply with the Louisiana Procurement Code, R.S.
39:1551, et seq.

Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
effective on the day following such approval.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: ____________________

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are additions.