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LEGISLATIVE BILL 1275

Introduced by Brewer, 43.

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Committee:

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to the
- 2 Department of Administrative Services; and to declare an emergency.
- 3 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

- 1 Section 1. (1) There is hereby appropriated \$23,000,000 from the
- 2 General Fund for FY2024-25 to the Department of Administrative Services,
- 3 for Program 245, for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this
- 4 <u>section</u>.
- 5 (2) The Department of Administrative Services shall provide the
- 6 <u>funds appropriated in this section to the office of the Chief Information</u>
- 7 Officer for the following purposes:
- 8 <u>(a) Establishing interoperable communications between state agencies</u>
- 9 and volunteer departments by providing portable and mobile radios,
- 10 programming, and installation of all radios and equipment; and
- 11 (b) Training for interoperability with the Statewide Radio System to
- 12 <u>connect volunteer departments and agencies to the Statewide Radio System</u>
- 13 through a grant program. Eligibility for such program shall be based on
- 14 the number and type of radios required for each volunteer department
- 15 based upon such department's needs and size. The office of the Chief
- 16 Information Officer shall not charge any subscription, programming, or
- 17 training fee for any volunteer department connected to the Statewide
- 18 Radio System after receiving a grant from the program. It is the intent
- 19 of the Legislature that all grant funds by distributed by June 30, 2026.
- 20 (3) For purposes of this section, volunteer department has the same
- 21 meaning as in section 35-901.
- 22 Sec. 2. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when
- 23 passed and approved according to law.