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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

This is an agency bill to allow the Statewide Radio Board to restructure as the Statewide Emergency Communications Board to integrate interoperable emergency communication technologies – the ARMER system, 911 service, wireless broadband – and allow a federally recognized tribal government to be integrated into a Regional Radio Board structure.

#### Section

- 1 **Definition – Allied Radio Matrix for Emergency Response (ARMER).** Defines terms and provides they all mean the public safety radio system.
- 2 **Definition – Statewide Radio Board.** Defines Statewide Radio Board to mean the Statewide Emergency Communication Board, successor to the Statewide Radio Board.
- 3 **Definition – regional radio board.** Includes any successor to a regional radio board.
- 4 **General.** Gives the Statewide Radio Board the powers needed to oversee planning, implementation, and maintenance of the ARMER system.
- 5 **Statewide ARMER integration.** Technical.
- 6 **Statewide emergency communication board.** Permits the Statewide Radio Board to elect to become the Statewide Emergency Communication Board, which would be responsible for statewide coordination of 911 service as well as the ARMER system. Requires the board to plan and coordinate a statewide public safety broadband network and other wireless communication technologies for public safety emergency communication networks.

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- 7**        **Regional radio boards.** Authorizes a regional radio board to include a federally recognized Indian tribe. Permits a regional radio board to administer grants on behalf of one or more public safety entities operating in the jurisdiction. Permits a regional radio board to expand the scope of its joint powers agreement to other public safety purposes.
- 8**        **Regional emergency communication boards.** Authorizes a regional radio board to elect to become a regional emergency communication board and include 911 services.
- 9**        **Topical advisory committee.** Permits the statewide radio board to establish advisory groups to assist with the interoperable public safety communication system.
- 10**       **Revisor's instruction.**
- 11**       **Repealer.** Repeals section 403.31, subdivision 6 (definition of NPSPAC channels – the 800 megahertz channels 821 to 824 and 866 to 869), and section 403.33 (local planning).