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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety Finance and Policy
03/13/2013 Adoption of Report: Pass and Read Second Time

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public safety; requiring the Statewide Radio Board to study and report
1.3 on long-term funding strategies for the ARMER and 911 systems.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. ARMER AND 911 FUNDING STUDY.

1.6 The Statewide Radio Board shall study long-term funding strategies for statewide
1.7 public safety communications including but not limited to the Allied Radio Matrix for
1.8 Emergency Response (ARMER) and 911 systems, including public and private funding
1.9 options such as bonds, grants, public and private partnerships, leverage of private capital
1.10 funding sources such as vendor financing or a higher degree of leveraging of commercial
1.11 carrier assets, methods for covering the operational costs for sustainability, user fees, and
1.12 local funding. The study must include a substantive assessment and evaluation of the
1.13 funding strategies for and authorized uses of future ARMER system and 911 system needs
1.14 and upgrades and capital and operating costs. The board shall report to the chairs and
1.15 ranking minority members of the house of representatives and senate committees with
1.16 jurisdiction over capital investment and criminal justice funding and policy by January 15,
1.17 2014, on the results of the study.