



101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB4873

Introduced 2/18/2020, by Rep. Kathleen Willis

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the School Wireless Telecommunications Amplifier Act. Provides that wireless communications carriers must provide and install bidirectional amplifiers in a school upon request of a school administrator to support adequate radio or wireless telephone communications for public safety providers. Provides that willful violations of the Act are subject to the penalties and sanctions provided under the Telecommunications Article of the Public Utilities Act. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning telecommunications.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the School
5 Wireless Telecommunications Amplifier Act.

6 Section 5. Definitions. As used in this Act:

7 "Bidirectional amplifier" means an electronic system
8 designed to support adequate radio or wireless telephone
9 communications for public safety providers, including, but not
10 limited to, police, fire, and medical emergency professionals
11 anywhere within the school structure where students may be
12 found. The frequency ranges that must be supported are 806 MHz
13 to 816 MHz and 856 MHz to 866 MHz.

14 "School" means a student attendance center operated by any
15 public school district or charter school or a private school
16 providing general educational services for an indefinite
17 service population.

18 "School administrator" means the superintendent of a
19 public school district, the principal of a public school
20 attendance center or charter school, or the chief executive
21 official of a private school.

22 "Wireless carrier" has the meaning ascribed to that term in
23 Section 2 of the Emergency Telephone System Act.

1 Section 10. School assistance required. Upon the written
2 request of a school administrator, a wireless carrier shall, at
3 no cost to the school, timely provide the equipment for, the
4 installation of, and maintenance of a bidirectional amplifier
5 appropriate to the needs of the school as necessary for the
6 reasonable and effective functioning of public safety
7 providers attending to their duties within the school. The
8 assistance shall be provided as soon as practicable, but in no
9 event more than 60 days after the written request is received.

10 Section 15. Penalty. A wireless carrier that willfully
11 fails to comply with the requirements of this Act is subject to
12 the penalties and other appropriate sanctions authorized to be
13 imposed by the Illinois Commerce Commission under Article XIII
14 of the Public Utilities Act.

15 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
16 becoming law.