Overview

This bill extends the sunset of the metropolitan radio board and changes the board's budget reporting requirements.

**Background:** The metropolitan radio board is charged with planning and supervising the implementation of a regionwide public safety radio system for the seven county metropolitan area. The board consists of 17 members, 15 of whom are local officials:

one county commissioner from each of the seven metropolitan counties appointed by the respective county boards;

one elected official from each of the cities of Minneapolis, St. Paul, and Bloomington appointed by the respective city council;

two elected officials from other metropolitan cities appointed by the governor;

an elected official from a Minnesota county or city contiguous to the metropolitan area appointed by the governor;

a sheriff appointed by the governor;

a police chief appointed by the governor;

a member of the metropolitan council;

the director of electronic communications for the department of transportation.
Section
1 Amends the budget reporting requirements for the metropolitan radio board to include the cents per month from the 911 emergency telephone service account necessary to cover the eligible costs for a regionwide public safety communication system.
2 Directs the commissioner of administration to include an amount for the regionwide public safety communication system in its request to the legislature for appropriations from the 911 emergency telephone service fee account.
3 Extends the sunset of the metropolitan radio board from July 1, 1999, until July 1, 2000.
4 Report to the legislature. Requires the metropolitan radio board to report to the speaker and the minority leader of the house, and the majority and minority leaders of the senate, on the progress made on the 800-MHz system.
5 Application. Makes the bill effective for the seven county metropolitan area.
6 Effective date. Makes the bill effective the day following enactment.