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As Engrossed: S4/3/13
A Bill

SENATE BILL 926

5 By: Senator Teague
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7 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

8 AN ACT TO CREATE A STATE BROADBAND *MANAGER* TO
9 PROMOTE, DEVELOP, AND COORDINATE BROADBAND EXPANSION
10 AND APPROPRIATE BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE FOR ALL
11 AREAS OF THE STATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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14 **Subtitle**

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17 BROADBAND EXPANSION AND APPROPRIATE
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19 THE STATE.
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 25, Chapter 4, Subchapter 1, is amended*
25 *to add an additional section to read as follows:*

26 *25-4-125. State Broadband Manager.*

27 *(a) The Director of the Department of Information Systems is*
28 *designated the State Broadband Manager.*

29 *(b) The State Broadband Manager shall coordinate the state's efforts*
30 *to expand and improve broadband capacity and availability by:*

31 *(1) Serving as a single point of contact for:*

32 *(A) State agencies, boards, commissions, and*
33 *constitutional officers, including without limitation the Governor,*
34 *Department of Education, Department of Higher Education, and Arkansas State*
35 *Highway and Transportation Department;*

36 *(B) Private businesses, enterprises, and broadband*



1 providers;

2 (C) Nonprofit organizations;

3 (D) Governmental entities and organizations organized
4 under federal law or the law of another state; and

5 (E) Individuals and entities that seek to assist the
6 state's efforts to improve economic development, elementary education, and
7 secondary education through the use of broadband technology;

8 (2) Gathering, compiling, and maintaining information obtained
9 independently or from an individual or entity described in subdivision (b)(1)
10 of this section;

11 (3) Formulating, updating, and maintaining a state broadband
12 plan; and

13 (4) On or before January 1 and July 1 of each year, filing a
14 written report of the activities and operations of the State Broadband
15 Manager for the preceding six (6) months with the:

16 (A) Governor;

17 (B) Legislative Council; and

18 (C) Joint Committee on Advanced Communications and
19 Information Technology.

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21 /s/Teague

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24 **APPROVED: 04/12/2013**