

ARKANSAS SENATE
92nd General Assembly - Regular Session, 2019
Amendment Form

Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 150

TO AMEND THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS REGULATORY REFORM ACT OF 1997.

Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 150

Amend Senate Bill No. 150 as originally introduced:

Add Representative M. Gray as a cosponsor of the bill

AND

Delete Representative J. Mayberry as a cosponsor of the bill

AND

Delete the title in its entirety and substitute:

"AN ACT TO AMEND THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS REGULATORY REFORM ACT OF 2013; TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL ACCESS TO FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION-DEFINED BROADBAND SERVICE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

AND

Delete the subtitle in its entirety and substitute:

"TO AMEND THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS
REGULATORY REFORM ACT OF 2013; AND TO
PROVIDE ADDITIONAL ACCESS TO FEDERAL
COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION-DEFINED
BROADBAND SERVICE.""

AND

Page 1, delete line 21, and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Legislative findings and intent.

(a) The General Assembly finds that:

(1) Arkansas is second-to-last in providing broadband internet to households, businesses, or other locations; and

(2) A lack of reliable broadband can impact a community's success, including access to educational opportunities, healthcare opportunities, public safety, agriculture, and economic development



opportunities.

(b) It is the intent of the General Assembly to provide Arkansans with access to high quality voice, data, broadband, video, or wireless telecommunications services, resulting in increased educational opportunities, healthcare opportunities, and economic development opportunities and ensuring all Arkansans have equal access to the services they can use to improve their quality of life, their community, and this state.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 23-17-403(26), concerning the definition of "government entity" under the Telecommunications Regulatory Reform Act of 2013, is amended to read as follows:

(26) "Government entity" includes without limitation all Arkansas state agencies, commissions, boards, authorities, and all Arkansas public educational entities, including school districts, and political subdivisions, including incorporated and unincorporated cities and towns and all institutions, agencies or instrumentalities of municipalities, and county governments;

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 23-17-409(b), concerning the authorization"

AND

Page 1, line 23, delete "of 1997" and substitute "of 2013"

AND

Page 1, delete line 24, and substitute the following:

"(b)(1) Except as otherwise provided in ~~subdivision (b)(2)~~ subdivisions (b)(2) and (b)(5) of this section, a"

AND

Page 1, line 29, delete "governmental entity" and substitute "~~governmental~~ government entity"

AND

Page 1, line 31, delete "service" and substitute "~~service~~ services"

AND

Page 1, line 32, delete "it now" and substitute "~~it~~ the government entity now"

AND

Page 1, line 33, delete "hereafter" and substitute "~~hereafter~~"

AND

Page 1, line 34, delete "by its" and substitute "by ~~its~~ the government entity's"

AND

Page 1, line 35, delete "or facilities" and substitute "or associated facilities"

AND

Page 2, line 2, delete "or facilities" and substitute "~~or facilities~~"

AND

Page 2, line 3, delete "extent used" and substitute "extent the telecommunications services are used"

AND

Page 2, line 4, delete "educational or medical purposes,"

AND

Page 2, line 5, delete "nonentertainment" and substitute "~~nonentertainment non-entertainment~~"

AND

Page 2, delete line 6, and substitute the following:
"facilities by or to a medical institution or an institution of"

AND

Page 2, line 8, delete "provision relates" and substitute "provision of the telecommunications services or facilities relates"

AND

Page 2, delete lines 11 through 15, and substitute the following:

"(4) This section does not prohibit a ~~governmental~~ government entity from purchasing voice, data, broadband, video, or wireless telecommunications services, directly or indirectly, from a private provider through a contract administered and services managed by the Department of Information Systems under the Arkansas Information Systems Act of 1997, § 25-4-101 et seq.

(5)(A) A government entity may enter into a public-private partnership with private providers to make voice, data, broadband, video, or wireless telecommunications services available to the public.

(B) After reasonable notice to the public, a government entity may, on its own or in partnership with a private entity, apply for funding under a program for grants or loans to be used for the construction,

acquisition, or leasing of facilities, land, or buildings used to deploy broadband service in unserved areas, as defined under the terms of the granting or lending program, and if the funding is awarded, then provide, directly or indirectly, voice, data, broadband, video, or wireless telecommunications services to the public in the unserved areas."

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____

By: Senator B. Davis

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