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SENATE BILL 926

By: Senator Teague

For An Act To Be Entitled
AN ACT TO CREATE A STATE BROADBAND MANAGER TO
PROMOTE, DEVELOP, AND COORDINATE BROADBAND EXPANSION
AND APPROPRIATE BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE FOR ALL
AREAS OF THE STATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle
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THE STATE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 25, Chapter 4, Subchapter 1, is amended
to add an additional section to read as follows:

25-4-125. State Broadband Manager.

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

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

(1) Serving as a single point of contact for:
(A) State agencies, boards, commissions, and
constitutional officers, including without limitation the Governor,
Department of Education, Department of Higher Education, and Arkansas State
Highway and Transportation Department;
(B) Private businesses, enterprises, and broadband

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providers;

   (C) Nonprofit organizations;
   (D) Governmental entities and organizations organized under federal law or the law of another state; and
   (E) Individuals and entities that seek to assist the state’s efforts to improve economic development, elementary education, and secondary education through the use of broadband technology;

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

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

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

   (A) Governor;
   (B) Legislative Council; and
   (C) Joint Committee on Advanced Communications and Information Technology.

/s/Teague

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