

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2033

By: Representatives Vines, Barnett, Rice, Eubanks, Wren

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS REGULATORY
REFORM ACT OF 1997; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS
REGULATORY REFORM ACT OF 1997

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 23-17-409(b), concerning the authorization of competing local exchange carriers in the Telecommunications Regulatory Reform Act of 1997, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1) A government entity may not provide, directly or indirectly, basic local exchange voice, data, broadband, video, wireless, or telecommunication service.

(2) This section does not apply to a municipality offering a voice, data, broadband, video, wireless, or telecommunication service as of December 31, 2010.

~~(2)~~(3) After reasonable notice to the public and a public hearing, a governmental entity owning an electric utility system or television signal distribution system may make any telecommunications capacity or associated facilities that it now owns, or may hereafter acquire, available to the public upon terms and conditions as may be established by its governing authority, except the government entity may not use the telecommunications capacity or facilities to provide, directly or indirectly, basic local exchange service.

~~(3)~~(4) Any restriction contained in this subsection shall not be

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applicable to the provision of telecommunications services or facilities to the extent used solely for 911, E911, other emergency services, educational or medical purposes, or for the provision of telecommunications services or facilities by an educational institution to its students.