

ARKANSAS SENATE
83rd General Assembly - Regular Session, 2001
Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Bill No. 2425

"AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DEVELOPMENT OF SPECIAL TERMINATING ACCESS
AGREEMENTS TO ENCOURAGE CALLING PLANS."

Amendment No. 1 to House Bill No. 2425.

Amend House Bill No. 2425 as engrossed, H4/10/01:

Page 1, delete line 32 and substitute the following:
"the eligible telecommunications carriers;

(3) The special terminating access rate or plan recovers the
cost of providing the service; and"

AND

Page 1, line 33, delete "(3)" and substitute "(4)"

AND

Page 2, line 7, add the following:

"SECTION 2. If the test year for Arkansas Universal Service Fund is
adjusted pursuant to a court order, then a rural incumbent local exchange
carrier may use audited general ledger records on its test year submission
for Arkansas IntraLATA Toll Pool revenues. Further, a rural incumbent local
exchange carrier, not drawing Arkansas Universal Service Fund payments at the
time of the effective date of this act, may make a one-time adjustment in its
Arkansas Universal Service Fund request if the test year changes. The
adjustment may only be made to its Arkansas Universal Service Fund
calculation of terminating access revenue from another incumbent local
exchange carrier. The data may only be substituted if the non-drawing
incumbent local exchange carrier had less than four (4) months of data from
another incumbent local exchange carrier to calculate its terminating access
revenue from the other incumbent local exchange carrier. The incumbent local
exchange carrier may use May 2000 through April 2001 data to determine its
terminating access receipts from the other incumbent local exchange carrier
on its Arkansas Universal Service Fund request to allow more accurate data.
Such a substitution shall not affect the Arkansas Universal Service Fund
payment of any other incumbent local exchange carrier.

SECTION 3. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the

General Assembly that calling plans are needed in order to enhance or improve calling between communities of interest and to assist citizens to call their county seats; that this act authorizes the development of special terminating access agreements to encourage calling plans; that clarification of Arkansas Universal Service Fund matters in timely fashion will enhance the likelihood of the development of special terminating access agreements; and that in order to assist customers of the eligible telecommunications carriers, this act should become effective immediately. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall become effective on the date of its approval by the Governor. If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, it shall become effective on the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the bill. If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is overridden, it shall become effective on the date the last house overrides the veto."

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

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