

**ARKANSAS SENATE**  
89th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2013  
**Amendment Form**

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**Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 926**

TO CREATE A STATE BROADBAND CHAIR OR OTHER MECHANISM OR ENTITY TO PROMOTE,  
DEVELOP, AND COORDINATE BROADBAND EXPANSION AND APPROPRIATE BROADBAND  
INFRASTRUCTURE FOR ALL AREAS OF THE STATE.

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**Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill No. 926**

Amend Senate Bill No. 926 as originally introduced:

Page 1, line 8, delete "CHAIR OR OTHER" and substitute "MANAGER"

AND

Page 1, line 9, delete "MECHANISM OR ENTITY"

AND

Page 1, line 16, delete "CHAIR OR" and substitute "MANAGER"

AND

Page 1, line 17, delete "OTHER MECHANISM OR ENTITY"

AND

Delete everything after the enacting clause and substitute the following:

“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



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, secondary education, and postsecondary 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.”

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

By: Senator Teague

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Secretary