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A Bill

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For An Act To Be Entitled

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

11 TO AMEND THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS
12 REGULATORY REFORM ACT OF 1997
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 23-17-409(b), concerning the authorization
20 of competing local exchange carriers in the Telecommunications Regulatory
21 Reform Act of 1997, is amended to read as follows:

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

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

28 ~~(2)(3)~~ After reasonable notice to the public and a public
29 hearing, a governmental entity owning an electric utility system or
30 television signal distribution system may make any telecommunications
31 capacity or associated facilities that it now owns, or may hereafter acquire,
32 available to the public upon terms and conditions as may be established by
33 its governing authority, except the government entity may not use the
34 telecommunications capacity or facilities to provide, directly or indirectly,
35 basic local exchange service.

36 ~~(3)(4)~~ Any restriction contained in this subsection shall not be



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

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