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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 150

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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

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

24 (b)(1) ~~Except as provided in subdivision (b)(2) of this section, a~~ A  
25 government entity may not provide, directly or indirectly, basic local  
26 exchange, ~~voice, data, broadband, video, or wireless telecommunication~~  
27 service.

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



1           (3) Any restriction contained in this subsection shall not be  
2 applicable to the provision of telecommunications services or facilities to  
3 the extent used solely for 911, E911, or other emergency and law enforcement  
4 services, educational or medical purposes, or for the provision of data,  
5 broadband, or nonentertainment video telecommunications services or  
6 facilities by an educational or ~~to~~ a medical institution or institution of  
7 higher education to its students, faculty, staff, or patients, as the  
8 provision relates to academic, research, and ~~health care~~ healthcare  
9 information technology applications under the Arkansas Information Systems  
10 Act of 1997, § 25-4-101 et seq.

11           ~~(4) This section does not prohibit a governmental entity from~~  
12 ~~purchasing voice, data, broadband, video, or wireless telecommunications~~  
13 ~~services, directly or indirectly, from a private provider through a contract~~  
14 ~~administered and services managed by the Department of Information Systems~~  
15 ~~under the Arkansas Information Systems Act of 1997, § 25-4-101 et seq.~~

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