

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 1479

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to the Oklahoma E911 Emergency  
8 Service Fund; amending 17 O.S. 2011, Section 139.109,  
9 which relates to the Oklahoma E911 Emergency Service  
10 Fund; requiring Corporation Commission to review  
11 requests for certain electronic connections; and  
12 declaring an emergency.

13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 17 O.S. 2011, Section 139.109, is  
15 amended to read as follows:

16 Section 139.109. A. There is hereby created within the  
17 Oklahoma Corporation Commission the "Oklahoma E911 Emergency Service  
18 Fund". Beginning September 1, 1997, each local exchange  
19 telecommunications service provider shall annually contribute fifty  
20 cents (\$0.50) per retail local exchange access line to the Oklahoma  
21 E911 Emergency Service Fund until the total amount contributed by  
22 all providers to the Fund equals Five Million Dollars  
23 (\$5,000,000.00). The contribution amount for each service provider  
24 shall be based upon the number of retail local exchange access lines  
of that service provider in service on July 1 of each applicable

1 year. The Oklahoma E911 Emergency Service Fund shall be  
2 administered by the Oklahoma Corporation Commission and used to  
3 defray the cost of purchasing and installing equipment for enhanced  
4 911 emergency systems across the state. Preference for funding  
5 shall be given first to those systems established in areas of the  
6 state which do not have access to 911 emergency service before July  
7 1, 1997, and second to areas of the state which do not have access  
8 to enhanced 911 emergency services. Funding from the E911 Emergency  
9 Service Fund shall not be used for ongoing operating costs of any  
10 emergency telephone service system. To qualify for funding, the  
11 emergency telephone service system shall have been or be in the  
12 process of being approved as provided for in the Nine-One-One  
13 Emergency Number Act. Local exchange telecommunications service  
14 providers serving fifteen percent (15%) or more of the access lines  
15 in the state may not apply for recovery of the contributions made to  
16 the E911 Emergency Service Fund from the Oklahoma Universal Service  
17 Fund created in Section 139.106 of this title. All monies in the  
18 Oklahoma E911 Emergency Service Fund shall be expended only for the  
19 purposes set forth in this subsection.

20 B. There is hereby created within the Oklahoma Department of  
21 Career and Technology Education the "Oklahoma Telecommunications  
22 Technology Training Fund". Beginning September 1, 1997, each local  
23 exchange telecommunications service provider shall annually  
24 contribute seventy-five cents (\$0.75) per retail local exchange

1 access line to the Oklahoma Telecommunications Technology Training  
2 Fund until the total amount contributed by all providers to the Fund  
3 equals Seven Million Dollars (\$7,000,000.00). The contribution  
4 amount for each service provider shall be based upon the number of  
5 retail local exchange access lines of that service provider in  
6 service on July 1 of each applicable year. The Oklahoma  
7 Telecommunications Technology Training Fund shall be administered by  
8 the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education working  
9 in conjunction with OneNet, and shall be used to provide statewide  
10 training of teachers and school administrators in the most effective  
11 use of telecommunications and distance learning technology for the  
12 enhancement of education throughout the state. Local exchange  
13 telecommunications service providers serving fifteen percent (15%)  
14 or more of the access lines in the state may not apply for recovery  
15 of the contributions made to the Oklahoma Telecommunications  
16 Technology Training Fund from the Oklahoma Universal Service Fund  
17 created in Section 139.106 of this title. All monies in the  
18 Oklahoma Telecommunications Technology Training Fund shall be  
19 expended only for the purposes set forth in this subsection.

20 C. The following services are hereby declared to be Special  
21 Universal Services and such services shall be provided only after  
22 funding for the Oklahoma Universal Service Fund is implemented as  
23 set forth in Section 139.101 et seq. of this title:

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1        1. Each not-for-profit hospital in the state shall, upon  
2 written request, receive one incoming, toll-free phone number and up  
3 to a total of five access lines, free of charge, to allow incoming,  
4 toll-free calls from any location within the geographic area served  
5 by the hospital;

6        2. Each not-for-profit hospital, county health department,  
7 city-county health department, and federally qualified health center  
8 in this state shall, upon written request, receive, free of charge,  
9 one telecommunications line or wireless connection sufficient for  
10 providing such telemedicine, clinical and health consultation  
11 services as the entity is equipped to provide. The  
12 telecommunications carrier shall be entitled to reimbursement from  
13 the Oklahoma Universal Service Fund for providing the line or  
14 connection subject to Corporation Commission review. In no case,  
15 however, shall reimbursement from the fund be made for an Internet  
16 subscriber fee or charges incurred as a result of services accessed  
17 via the Internet;

18        3. Each public school building wherein classrooms are contained  
19 and each public library in the state shall, upon written request,  
20 receive one incoming, toll-free phone number and up to a total of  
21 five access lines, free of charge, to allow incoming, toll-free  
22 calls from any location within the geographic area served by the  
23 school or the public library;

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1       4. Each public school building wherein classrooms are contained  
2 and each public library in the state shall, upon written request,  
3 receive one access line, free of charge, with the ability to connect  
4 to an Internet service provider at 1.5Mbps, in the most economically  
5 efficient manner for the carrier, or an equivalent dollar credit to  
6 be applied by the public school or public library toward similar  
7 services provided by the same carrier, for the purpose of accessing  
8 the Internet. In no case shall the Oklahoma Universal Service Fund  
9 reimburse an entity for an Internet subscriber fee or charges  
10 incurred as a result of services accessed via the Internet; and

11       5. Each county seat in the state shall, upon written request of  
12 the board of county commissioners, receive one incoming, toll-free  
13 phone number and up to a total of five access lines, free of charge,  
14 to allow incoming, toll-free calls from any location within the  
15 geographic area served by the county seat.

16       D. To the extent Special Universal Services are purchased from  
17 a telecommunications service provider by another carrier, the  
18 Special Universal Services are for the exclusive use of the not-for-  
19 profit hospital, county health department, city-county health  
20 department, federally qualified health center, public school, public  
21 library or county government. Under no circumstances shall the not-  
22 for-profit hospital, county health department, city-county health  
23 department, federally qualified health center, public school, public

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1 library or county government sell, repackage or share Special  
2 Universal Services with any other entity.

3 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
4 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby  
5 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
6 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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