

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 3101

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to telecommunications services; stating that certain academic and research libraries are to be considered libraries for certain purposes; making certain academic and research libraries eligible for certain assistance; defining academic and research libraries; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 139.111 of Title 17, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. For purposes of applying for and participating in the federal Schools and Libraries E-Rate Program administered by the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC), academic and research libraries as defined in subsection C of this section shall be considered libraries for purposes of the definition of libraries and under the requirements for schools and libraries as set forth in the Schools and Libraries E-Rate Program.

1 B. Academic and research libraries as defined in subsection C
2 of this section shall be eligible to seek assistance from the
3 Oklahoma Department of Libraries for purposes of applying for
4 Schools and Libraries E-Rate Program discounts through the USAC
5 which are available to schools and libraries.

6 C. As used in this section, "academic libraries and research
7 libraries" means a private library, private museum or volunteer fire
8 department that:

9 1. Operates as a nonprofit corporation which is exempt from
10 taxation pursuant to the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the
11 Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C., Section 501(c)(3);

12 2. Is available for continuing education classes; and

13 3. Is open to the public for a minimum of ten (10) hours per
14 week with at least three computers available for use by the public.

15 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2016.

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