

**Bill Summary**  
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**Committee Substitute (CS)**

SB 881 requires telecommunication providers expanding into a new area to, in addition to other entities required by law, notify all political subdivisions with jurisdictional boundaries that include all or portions of the service area outlined in the Certificate of Convenience and Necessity. The measure also requires an excavator to provide sufficient notice to and obtain authorization from every political subdivision prior to conducting an excavation, demolition, or utilizing an explosive device on easements or rights-of-way owned or maintained by the subdivision.

The CS for SB 881 removes language requiring excavators to obtain written authorization from any relevant political subdivision as it pertains to excavating on easements or rights-of-way.

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