

FLOOR AMENDMENT

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

State of Oklahoma

SPEAKER:

CHAIR:

I move to amend SB848 _____
Of the printed Bill
Page _____ Section _____ Lines _____
Of the Engrossed Bill

By striking the Title, the Enacting Clause, the entire bill, and by
inserting in lieu thereof the following language:

AMEND TITLE TO CONFORM TO AMENDMENTS

Adopted: _____

Amendment submitted by: Trey Caldwell

Reading Clerk

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

FLOOR SUBSTITUTE
FOR

SENATE BILL NO. 848

By: Paxton of the Senate

and

Caldwell (Trey) of the
House

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An Act relating to the Oklahoma Broadband Expansion Act; amending Section 5, Chapter 229, O.S.L. 2022 (74 O.S. Supp. 2022, Section 9204), which relates to the Oklahoma Broadband Office; modifying requirements for assistance provided to the Office by certain agency; requiring fulfillment of certain assistance request by certain date; providing for an extension; providing ability to hire legal counsel; requiring subsection to certain provisions; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 5, Chapter 229, O.S.L. 2022 (74 O.S. Supp. 2022, Section 9204), is amended to read as follows:

Section 9204. A. There is hereby created until June 30, 2028, the Oklahoma Broadband Office, to serve as the state's sole administrator of the functions, powers, and duties assigned to the

1 Office in this act or under law. Effective June 30, 2028, the
2 Office shall terminate and all personnel positions shall be
3 abolished. The Office shall utilize the year prior to the
4 termination date for the purpose of ceasing the Office's affairs.

5 B. The Office shall receive administrative assistance from the
6 Office of Management and Enterprise Services (OMES), which shall
7 provide, through existing OMES resources, administrative assistance
8 upon request in writing or electronic correspondence from the
9 Office's Executive Director, ~~within a reasonable time to allow the~~
10 ~~performance of the Office's duties or.~~ OMES shall provide
11 assistance in the manner requested within thirty (30) days of
12 determination by the Agency that the request is able to be
13 fulfilled. If for any reason the request cannot be fulfilled within
14 thirty (30) days, the Office and OMES shall enter into a written
15 agreement expressing an agreed upon timeline for fulfilling the
16 needs of the Office. In the event that the request cannot be
17 fulfilled, OMES shall respond in writing within ten (10) days of the
18 request providing ~~reasons why the request cannot be fulfilled the~~
19 reasoning for denial. If the request cannot be fulfilled utilizing
20 existing resources, OMES may charge the Office for the actual cost
21 to fulfill the request.

22 C. The Office shall be governed by the Broadband Governing
23 Board, created pursuant to Section ~~3~~ 9209 of this ~~act~~ title.

1 D. The Office shall be advised by the Broadband Expansion
2 Council, created pursuant to Section 4 139.202 of ~~this act~~ Title 11
3 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

4 E. The Office shall have an Executive Director who shall
5 oversee the operations of the Office including, but not limited to:

6 1. Overseeing the creation, maintenance, and completion of the
7 Statewide Broadband Plan;

8 2. Communicating the state's progress in achieving the goals
9 and implementation of the Statewide Broadband Plan;

10 3. The creation, housing, and updating of a statewide broadband
11 services map;

12 4. Overseeing of grant applications and awards for connectivity
13 and affordability projects;

14 5. Making recommendations to the Board regarding procedural and
15 administrative rules for the Office; and

16 6. Employment and management of Office staff subject to the
17 limitations and requirements of this act and subject to the
18 limitations and requirements of the Broadband Governing Board.

19 F. The Executive Director shall regularly report to the Council
20 and the Board and shall submit an annual report to the Office of the
21 Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the Office of
22 the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate.
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1 G. The Office may hire legal counsel as it is deemed necessary
2 by said hiring entity. The Office shall be subject to the
3 provisions of Section 20i of this title.

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

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