

**477C.7 Funding.**

1. The board shall impose an annual assessment to fund the programs described in this chapter upon all telecommunications carriers providing service in the state.

2. The total assessment shall be allocated as follows:

a. Wireless communications service providers shall be assessed three cents per month for each wireless communications service number provided in this state.

b. (1) The remainder of the assessment shall be allocated one-half to local exchange telephone utilities and one-half to the following:

(a) Interexchange carriers.

(b) Centralized equal access providers.

(c) Alternative operator services companies.

(2) The assessment shall be allocated proportionally based upon revenues from all intrastate regulated, deregulated, and exempt telephone services under sections 476.1 and 476.1D.

3. The telecommunications carriers shall remit the assessed amounts quarterly to a special fund, as defined under section 8.2, subsection 9. The moneys in the fund are appropriated solely to plan, establish, administer, and promote the relay service and equipment distribution programs.

4. The telecommunications carriers subject to assessment shall provide the information requested by the board necessary for implementation of the assessment.

5. The local exchange telephone utilities shall not recover from intrastate access charges any portion of such utilities assessment imposed under this section.

91 Acts, ch 194, §7; 92 Acts, ch 1163, §99; 2005 Acts, ch 17, §1