

SENATE FILE **324**
BY HUSAK

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the Iowa communications network and providing
2 for the connection of certain Part III users by certified
3 local exchange companies.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 8D, a
2 certified local exchange telephone company shall provide a
3 connection to the Iowa communications network for a Part III
4 user located within the company's service territory. The
5 connection, at a minimum, shall be for a facility with DS-3
6 capacity and shall be provided at a cost of one dollar to the
7 state. The monthly fee for service provided to the Part III
8 user shall be negotiated by the Iowa telecommunications and
9 technology commission and paid by the state. The commission
10 shall develop and implement a financial plan to implement this
11 program. For purposes of this section, a Part III user means
12 a public school or a nonpublic school as defined in section
13 280.2.

14 Sec. 2. All authorized users of the network as provided in
15 chapter 8D other than an institution under the control of the
16 board of regents, a nonprofit institution of higher education
17 eligible for tuition grants, an accredited nonpublic school,
18 or a school corporation shall be charged a fee as determined
19 by the commission, which shall be based on the ongoing
20 operational costs of the network and the costs associated with
21 the construction and debt service related to the network.

22 Sec. 3. The commission shall work with the legislative
23 service bureau to develop proposed legislation to be offered
24 during the 1996 regular session to make necessary statutory
25 changes to chapter 8D necessary as a result of the passage of
26 this Act.

27 EXPLANATION

28 This bill provides that a certified local exchange
29 telephone company shall provide a connection to the Iowa
30 communications network for a Part III user which is a school
31 district or an accredited nonpublic school and which is
32 located within the company's service territory. The
33 connection, at a minimum, shall be for a facility with DS-3
34 capacity and shall be provided at a cost of \$1 to the state.

35 Authorized users of the network as provided in chapter 8D

1 other than an institution under the control of the board of
2 regents, a nonprofit institution of higher education eligible
3 for tuition grants, an accredited nonpublic school, or a
4 school corporation are to be charged a fee as determined by
5 the commission, which is to be based on the ongoing
6 operational costs of the network and the costs associated with
7 the construction and debt service related to the network.

8 The bill directs the commission to work with the
9 legislative service bureau to develop statutory language
10 changes which are necessary as a result of the passage of this
11 bill.

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