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STATE GOVERNMENT

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for state ownership of Part III Iowa
2 communications network video connections under specified
3 circumstances.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 8D.13, subsection 5, unnumbered
2 paragraph 1, Code 2003, is amended to read as follows:

3 The state shall lease all fiberoptic cable facilities or
4 facilities with DS-3 capacity for Part III connections for
5 which state funding is provided. The state shall lease all
6 fiberoptic cable facilities or facilities with DS-3 or DS-1
7 capacity for the judicial branch, judicial district department
8 of correctional services, and state agency connections for
9 which state funding is provided. Such facilities shall be
10 leased from qualified providers. The state shall not own such
11 facilities, except for those facilities owned by the state as
12 of January 1, 1994. Notwithstanding any other provision of
13 this section, the state may negotiate the acquisition of a
14 Part III connection following the termination of a lease with
15 a qualified provider for such a Part III connection, if the
16 commission determines it to be in the best interest of the
17 network.

18 EXPLANATION

19 This bill provides that the state of Iowa may acquire
20 ownership of Part III Iowa communications network video
21 connections after the termination of a lease for such
22 connections, previously entered into between the state and a
23 qualified provider. The bill provides that ownership shall be
24 negotiated if the Iowa telecommunications and technology
25 commission determines that the acquisition is in the best
26 interest of the Iowa communications network.

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