

Senate Study Bill 1048

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BY (PROPOSED IOWA TELECOMMUNICATIONS
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the provision of services over certain Iowa
2 communications network connection facilities under specified
3 circumstances.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. Section 8D.13, subsection 5, Code 2009, is
1 2 amended to read as follows:

1 3 5. a. ~~The Except as provided in paragraph "b", the state~~
1 4 shall lease all fiberoptic cable facilities or facilities with
1 5 minimum DS=3 capacity for Part III connections for which state
1 6 funding is provided. The state shall lease all fiberoptic
1 7 cable facilities or facilities with minimum DS=3 or DS=1
1 8 capacity for the judicial branch, judicial district department
1 9 of correctional services, and state agency connections for
1 10 which state funding is provided. Such facilities shall be
~~1 11 leased from qualified providers. The state shall not own such~~
~~1 12 facilities, except for those facilities owned by the state as~~
~~1 13 of January 1, 1994.~~

1 14 The lease provisions of this ~~subsection~~ paragraph "a" do
1 15 not apply to a school district ~~which that~~ elects to provide
1 16 one hundred percent of the financing for the district's
1 17 connection.

1 18 b. (1) Notwithstanding paragraph "a", the state may
1 19 provide fiberoptic cable facilities or other facilities with
1 20 minimum DS=3 or DS=1 capacity in a manner other than pursuant
1 21 to a lease if any of the following apply:

1 22 (a) An incumbent provider providing a leased connection
1 23 terminates ownership of an existing leased connection.

1 24 (b) An incumbent provider providing a leased connection
1 25 ceases to provide the necessary level of maintenance service
1 26 to an existing leased connection.

1 27 (c) The commission determines that it is in the long-term
1 28 best interest of the state to provide an existing or otherwise
1 29 authorized network connection in a manner other than pursuant
1 30 to a lease. In making this determination, the commission, at
1 31 a minimum, shall consider the cost to taxpayers and the
1 32 ability of the network to provide a level of service necessary
1 33 to meet the demands of network users.

1 34 (2) Prior to proceeding as permitted under subparagraph
1 35 (1), the commission shall make a determination that an
2 1 alternative cost-effective solution other than proceeding
2 2 under subparagraph (1) is not available from a private sector
2 3 qualified provider. For purposes of state ownership of a
2 4 network connection, the commission shall also make a
2 5 determination that utilization of a competitive bidding
2 6 process would not be effective and is not in the best interest
2 7 of the state.

2 8 (3) The commission shall by rule establish procedures and
2 9 criteria for proceeding as permitted under subparagraph (1).
2 10 The commission shall publish network connection changes made
2 11 pursuant to this paragraph "b" in the commission's annual
2 12 report related to the network.

2 13 EXPLANATION

2 14 This bill relates to the provision of services over
2 15 presently leased Iowa communications network connection
2 16 facilities. Currently, the state is required to lease all
2 17 connections that apply to part III connections, the judicial

2 18 branch, the judicial district department of correctional
2 19 services, and state agencies that are paid for with state
2 20 funding from qualified providers and is prohibited from owning
2 21 such connections except for facilities owned by the state as
2 22 of January 1, 1994. The bill authorizes the state to provide
2 23 fiberoptic cable facilities or other facilities supplying a
2 24 minimum of DS=3 or DS=1 capacity in a manner other than
2 25 through a lease under specified circumstances. Provision
2 26 other than through leasing will be permitted when an incumbent
2 27 connection qualified provider terminates ownership of a leased
2 28 connection, or ceases to provide the necessary level of
2 29 maintenance service to an existing leased connection.
2 30 Provision other than through leasing will also be permitted
2 31 when the state telecommunications and technology commission
2 32 determines that such provision is in the best interest of the
2 33 state.

2 34 Prior to proceeding with an alternative connection to an
2 35 existing or otherwise authorized network connection, the
3 1 commission shall determine that an alternate cost-effective
3 2 solution is not available from a private sector qualified
3 3 provider. The commission shall also determine that
3 4 utilization of a competitive bidding process will not be
3 5 effective and is not in the best interest of the state for
3 6 providing an existing or otherwise authorized network
3 7 connection. The commission is directed to establish by rule
3 8 procedures and criteria for the process and to publish notice
3 9 of the changes contained in the bill in the commission's
3 10 annual report related to the network.

3 11 The bill additionally changes references to DS=3 and DS=1
3 12 facility capacity to refer to such capacity as minimum DS=3 or
3 13 DS=1 in nature.

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