

An Act

ENROLLED HOUSE
BILL NO. 1124

By: Phillips and Bell of the
House

and

Leewright and Bergstrom of
the Senate

An Act relating to rural broadband; requiring the Oklahoma Department of Commerce promulgate rules and procedures for establishment of the State Broadband Deployment Grant Program; requiring development of competitive grant program to award funding to expand broadband access; requiring Department to look at other state's best practices to facilitate framework of Program; creating the State Broadband Deployment Grant Program Revolving Fund; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

SUBJECT: Rural broadband

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 139.204 of Title 17, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The Oklahoma Department of Commerce with the participation and advice of the Rural Broadband Expansion Council shall promulgate rules and procedures for the establishment of the State Broadband Deployment Grant Program. The State Broadband Deployment Grant Program shall include development of a competitive grant program to award funding to applicants seeking to expand access to broadband Internet service in this state. The Department and Council shall look at best practices in other states to help facilitate the

framework of the Program. The Oklahoma Department of Commerce shall administer the Program.

B. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund for the Oklahoma Department of Commerce to be designated the "State Broadband Deployment Grant Program Fund". The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of all monies designated for deposit to said fund. All monies accruing to the credit of said fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and shall be expended by the Department for the purpose of awarding grants by and through the Rural Broadband Expansion Council, pursuant to subsection A of this section, to applicants seeking to expand access to broadband Internet service in this state.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.

Passed the House of Representatives the 17th day of May, 2021.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

Passed the Senate the 21st day of April, 2021.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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