

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 58th Legislature (2021)

4 HOUSE BILL 1124

By: Phillips of the House

5 and

6 **Leewright** of the Senate

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9 AS INTRODUCED

10 An Act relating to rural broadband; requiring the
11 Corporation Commission promulgate rules and
12 procedures for establishment of the State Broadband
13 Deployment Grant Program; requiring development of
14 competitive grant program to award funding to expand
15 broadband access; requiring Commission to look at
16 other state's best practices to facilitate framework
17 of Program; creating the State Broadband Deployment
18 Grant Program Revolving Fund; providing for
19 codification; and providing an effective date.

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

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

24 A. The Corporation Commission with the participation and advice
of the Rural Broadband Expansion Council shall promulgate rules and
procedures for the establishment of the State Broadband Deployment

1 Grant Program. The State Broadband Deployment Grant Program shall
2 include development of a competitive grant program to award funding
3 to applicants seeking to expand access to broadband internet service
4 in this state. The Commission and Council shall look at best
5 practices in other states to help facilitate the framework of the
6 Program.

7 B. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving
8 fund for the Corporation Commission to be designated the "State
9 Broadband Deployment Grant Program Fund". The fund shall be a
10 continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall
11 consist of all monies designated for deposit to said fund. All
12 monies accruing to the credit of said fund are hereby appropriated
13 and may be budgeted and shall be expended by the Corporation
14 Commission for the purpose of awarding grants by and through the
15 Rural Broadband Expansion Council, pursuant to subsection A of this
16 section, to applicants seeking expand access to broadband internet
17 service in this state.

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

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20 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON TECHNOLOGY, dated 02/24/2021 - DO
21 PASS, As Coauthored.

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