

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

SENATE BILL 1021

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to the Oklahoma Universal Service Fund; creating Oklahoma Universal Service Fund Advisory Board under Corporation Commission; establishing Board purpose; establishing Board membership; directing Board to annually review certain criteria; requiring certain report be submitted to certain public officials by certain date; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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 139.111 of Title 17, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. There is hereby established the Oklahoma Universal Service Fund Advisory Board to be administered by the Corporation Commission to ensure that the Fund is maintaining current reimbursement eligibility criteria based on newly developed and available technologies.

B. The Board shall consist of seven (7) members. Of the seven (7) members:

1 1. One shall be the Director of the Public Utility Division of  
2 the Commission or his or her designee; and

3 2. The remaining six members shall be nongovernmental  
4 information technology professionals. Of the remaining six members:

5 a. two shall be appointed by the Governor,

6 b. two shall be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of  
7 the Senate, and

8 c. two shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
9 Representatives.

10 C. The Board shall, on no less than an annual basis, evaluate  
11 and review the eligible projects and technology for reimbursement  
12 from the Fund. The Board shall submit the findings and any  
13 recommendations for statutory and regulatory updates to the  
14 Governor, President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the Speaker of  
15 the House of Representatives no later than July 1st of a given  
16 calendar year.

17 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.

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