

HOUSE BILL No. 2026

AN ACT concerning telecommunications; relating to the KAN-ED and its funding; concerning emergency 911 telecommunications services; amending K.S.A. 66-2010 and K.S.A. 2004 Supp. 75-7226 and repealing the existing sections.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

Section 1. K.S.A. 66-2010 is hereby amended to read as follows: 66-2010. (a) The commission shall utilize a competitive bidding process to select a neutral, competent and bonded third party to administer the KUSF.

(b) The administrator shall be responsible for: (1) Collecting and auditing all relevant information from all qualifying telecommunications public utilities, telecommunications carriers or wireless telecommunications service providers receiving funds from or providing funds to the KUSF; (2) verifying, based on the calculations of each qualifying telecommunications carrier, telecommunications public utility or wireless telecommunications service provider, the obligation of each such qualifying carrier, utility or provider to generate the funds required by the KUSF; (3) collecting all moneys due to the KUSF from all telecommunications public utilities, telecommunications carriers and wireless telecommunications service providers in the state; and (4) distributing amounts on a monthly basis due to qualifying telecommunications public utilities, wireless telecommunications service providers and telecommunications carriers receiving KUSF funding.

(c) Any information made available or received by the administrator from carriers, utilities or providers receiving funds from or providing funds to the KUSF shall not be subject to any provisions of the Kansas open records act and shall be considered confidential and proprietary.

(d) The administrator shall be authorized to maintain an action to collect any funds owed by any telecommunications carrier, public utility or wireless telecommunications provider in the district court in the county of the registered office of such carrier, utility or provider or, if such carrier, utility or provider does not have a registered office in the state, such an action may be maintained in the county where such carrier's, utility's or provider's principal office is located. If such carrier, utility or provider has no principal office in the state, such an action may be maintained in the district court of any county in which such carrier, utility or provider provides service.

(e) The KUSF administrator shall be responsible to ensure that funds do not fall below the level necessary to pay all amounts collectively owed to all qualifying telecommunications public utilities, wireless telecommunications service providers and telecommunications carriers. The administrator shall have the authority to retain and invest in a prudent and reasonable manner any excess funds collected in any period to help ensure that adequate funds are available to cover amounts payable in other periods.

(f) (1) ~~Before October 1, 2002, the chief executive officer of the state board of regents shall certify to the administrator of the KUSF the amount provided by appropriation acts to be expended from the KAN-ED fund created by K.S.A. 2003 Supp. 75-7225, and amendments thereto, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003. Before October 1, 2003, the chief executive officer of the state board of regents shall certify to the administrator of the KUSF the amount equal to twice the amount provided by appropriation acts to be expended from the KAN-ED fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003. Before July 1, 2004, and before July 1 of each year thereafter, the chief executive officer of the state board of regents shall certify to the administrator of the KUSF the amount provided by appropriation acts to be expended from the KAN-ED fund for the fiscal year commencing the preceding July 1. Upon receipt of the certification of the chief executive officer of the state board of regents, the KUSF administrator shall add the amount certified to the amount annually required to fund the KUSF as determined pursuant to subsection (b).~~

(2) ~~Commencing January 1, 2003, and until June 30, 2004, on or before the 10th day of each month the administrator of the KUSF shall pay from the KUSF to the state treasurer an amount equal to 1/6 of the amount certified by the chief executive officer of the state board of regents pursuant to subsection (f)(1) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003. Commencing July 1, 2004, On or before the 10th day of each month, the administrator of the KUSF shall pay from the KUSF to the~~

state treasurer  $\frac{1}{12}$  of the amount certified by the chief executive officer of the state board of regents pursuant to subsection (a) for the fiscal year preceding the fiscal year in which the payment is made. Upon the receipt of the payment, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury and credit it to the KAN-ED fund. Any such payments shall be made after all payments required by K.S.A. 66-2008, and amendments thereto, for the month are made from the KUSF.

~~(3) Amounts appropriated to be expended from the KAN-ED fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003, shall be based on a budget for only six months' operations. Amounts appropriated thereafter shall be based on a budget for 12 months' operations.~~

~~(4) Not more than \$10,000,000 the following shall be paid from the KUSF to the state treasurer pursuant to this subsection (f) in any one fiscal year: In fiscal year 2006, \$10,000,000; in fiscal year 2007, \$8,000,000; in fiscal year 2008, \$6,000,000; and in fiscal year 2009, \$5,500,000.~~

~~(5) (4) The provisions of this subsection (f) shall expire on June 30, 2005 2009. Thereafter, state general fund moneys shall be used to fund the KAN-ED network and such funding shall be of the highest priority along with education funding.~~

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2004 Supp. 75-7226 is hereby amended to read as follows: 75-7226. (a) On or before January 15 of each year, the board shall publish an annual report and shall present the report to the legislature, governor and department of education. The report shall set forth in detail the operations and transactions conducted by the board pursuant to this act. The annual report shall specifically account for the ways in which the purpose of this act have been carried out, and the recommendations shall specifically note what changes are necessary to better address the purposes described in this act.

(b) *The report required pursuant to this section in years 2006, 2007 and 2008 shall include a statement of the costs of and savings realized by implementation of the network and a plan for funding the network.*

New Sec. 3. (a) As used in this section:

(1) "VoIP provider" means any provider of voice over internet protocol service (hereafter referred to as VoIP) other than a business which: (A) Does not provide such service to customers outside its business organization; or (B) provides VoIP service as a customer product secondary to the primary product sold by the business.

(2) "PSAP" has the meanings provided in the wireless enhanced 911 act.

(b) Each VoIP provider shall direct to the appropriate PSAP dispatcher any emergency 911 calls made by users of its VoIP service.

New Sec. 4. (a) The state board of regents shall study the KAN-ED network and the Kansas research and education network for the purpose of identifying duplication of services and inefficiencies existing between the two networks. If duplication of services or inefficiencies exist, the state board of regents shall develop a plan to reduce or eliminate such duplication of services or inefficiencies. The secretary of administration and the state board of regents shall develop recommendations regarding the manner in which the Kansas wide area network may be incorporated into the KAN-ED network.

(b) On or before January 13, 2006, the secretary of administration and the state board of regents shall submit to the senate standing committee on commerce and the house standing committee on utilities joint recommendations regarding:

(1) The findings of the study provided for in subsection (a);

(2) any plan for reducing or eliminating duplication of services and inefficiencies; and

(3) the manner in which the Kansas wide area information network may be incorporated into the KAN-ED network.

New Sec. 5. No public safety answering point other than a political subdivision of the state shall be eligible to receive moneys distributed pursuant to the wireless enhanced 911 act.

Sec. 6. K.S.A. 66-2010 and K.S.A. 2004 Supp. 75-7226 are hereby repealed.

Sec. 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.

I hereby certify that the above BILL originated in the HOUSE, and passed that body

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HOUSE adopted  
Conference Committee Report \_\_\_\_\_

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*Speaker of the House.*

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*Chief Clerk of the House.*

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as amended \_\_\_\_\_

SENATE adopted  
Conference Committee Report \_\_\_\_\_

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*President of the Senate.*

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*Secretary of the Senate.*

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_

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*Governor.*