

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
BILL NO. 235

By: Rader of the Senate

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4 Johns of the House

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6 An Act relating to the Oklahoma Broadband Expansion
7 Act; amending 74 O.S. 2021, Section 9207, as amended
8 by Section 8, Chapter 229, O.S.L. 2022 (74 O.S. Supp.
9 2022, Section 9207), which relates to programs,
10 personnel, and assets; adding certain entity to
11 exemptions; and declaring an emergency.

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

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2021, Section 9207, as
14 amended by Section 8, Chapter 229, O.S.L. 2022 (74 O.S. Supp. 2022,
15 Section 9207), is amended to read as follows:

16 Section 9207. A. By December 31, 2022, the Executive Director
17 of the Oklahoma Broadband Office shall identify all programs,
18 personnel, and assets within state government that are duplicative
19 or complementary to the mission of the Office and of such recommend
20 which programs, personnel, and assets the Executive Director
21 identifies as needing to be transferred to the Office, except as
22 provided in subsections C and D of this section.

23 B. Upon the receipt of the recommendation provided for in
24 subsection A of this section, the Director of the Office of

1 Management and Enterprise Services is authorized to transfer such
2 programs, personnel, and assets to the Office.

3 C. The following shall be exempt from the provisions of
4 subsections A and B of this section:

5 1. Those assets or personnel associated with broadband and
6 Internet connectivity at the ~~Oklahoma~~ Corporation Commission;

7 2. Those assets or personnel associated with the Oklahoma
8 Universal Service Fund located at the ~~Oklahoma~~ Corporation
9 Commission; and

10 3. Assets owned by the ~~Oklahoma~~ Department of Transportation
11 and the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority and the staff required to
12 operate said assets.

13 D. Programs, personnel, and assets of the Oklahoma State
14 Regents for Higher Education, identified by the Executive Director
15 as duplicative or complementary to the mission of the Office, shall
16 be made available as agreed to in contracts between the Office and
17 the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education following a
18 recommendation by the Executive Director to the Oklahoma State
19 Regents for Higher Education. Should the Office and the Oklahoma
20 State Regents for Higher Education fail to reach contractual
21 agreements within ninety (90) days of the Executive Director's
22 recommendation, the Executive Director shall provide written
23 notification of a failure to reach contractual agreement to the
24 Broadband Governing Board, the Speaker of the ~~Oklahoma~~ House of

1 Representatives, and the President Pro Tempore of the ~~Oklahoma State~~
2 Senate.

3 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
4 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
5 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
6 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

7 Passed the Senate the 20th day of February, 2023.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

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11 Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
12 2023.

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