

1 ENGROSSED SENATE AMENDMENT  
TO

2 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
3 BILL NO. 1124

By: Phillips and Bell of the  
House

4 and

5 Leewright of the Senate

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

18 AUTHOR: Add the following Senate Coauthor: Bergstrom

19 AMENDMENT NO. 1. Page 2, line 3, insert a new sentence after the  
20 period (.) to read "The Oklahoma Department of  
21 Commerce shall administer the Program."

22 and amend the title to conform



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

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

21 A. The Oklahoma Department of Commerce with the participation  
22 and advice of the Rural Broadband Expansion Council shall promulgate  
23 rules and procedures for the establishment of the State Broadband  
24 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

1 Internet service in this state. The Department and Council shall  
2 look at best practices in other states to help facilitate the  
3 framework of the Program.

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

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

16 Passed the House of Representatives the 9th day of March, 2021.

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Presiding Officer of the House  
of Representatives

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Passed the Senate the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

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