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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 926

5 By: Senator Teague  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO CREATE A STATE BROADBAND *MANAGER* TO  
9 PROMOTE, DEVELOP, AND COORDINATE BROADBAND EXPANSION  
10 AND APPROPRIATE BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE FOR ALL  
11 AREAS OF THE STATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

14 TO CREATE A STATE BROADBAND *MANAGER* TO  
15 PROMOTE, DEVELOP, AND COORDINATE  
16 BROADBAND EXPANSION AND APPROPRIATE  
17 BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE FOR ALL AREAS OF  
18 THE STATE.  
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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24 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 25, Chapter 4, Subchapter 1, is amended*  
25 *to add an additional section to read as follows:*

26 *25-4-125. State Broadband Manager.*

27 *(a) The Director of the Department of Information Systems is*  
28 *designated the State Broadband Manager.*

29 *(b) The State Broadband Manager shall coordinate the state's efforts*  
30 *to expand and improve broadband capacity and availability by:*

31 *(1) Serving as a single point of contact for:*

32 *(A) State agencies, boards, commissions, and*  
33 *constitutional officers, including without limitation the Governor,*  
34 *Department of Education, Department of Higher Education, and Arkansas State*  
35 *Highway and Transportation Department;*

36 *(B) Private businesses, enterprises, and broadband*



1 providers;

2 (C) Nonprofit organizations;

3 (D) Governmental entities and organizations organized  
4 under federal law or the law of another state; and

5 (E) Individuals and entities that seek to assist the  
6 state's efforts to improve economic development, elementary education, and  
7 secondary education through the use of broadband technology;

8 (2) Gathering, compiling, and maintaining information obtained  
9 independently or from an individual or entity described in subdivision (b)(1)  
10 of this section;

11 (3) Formulating, updating, and maintaining a state broadband  
12 plan; and

13 (4) On or before January 1 and July 1 of each year, filing a  
14 written report of the activities and operations of the State Broadband  
15 Manager for the preceding six (6) months with the:

16 (A) Governor;

17 (B) Legislative Council; and

18 (C) Joint Committee on Advanced Communications and  
19 Information Technology.

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