

HOUSE BILL No. 1626

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: Noncode.

Synopsis: Study of universal service for telecommunications. Urges the legislative council (council) to assign to the interim study committee on energy, utilities, and telecommunications (committee) the topic of universal service funding for telecommunications services in Indiana. Provides that if the topic is assigned to the committee, the committee may: (1) consider specified issues related to universal service; and (2) request information concerning these issues from: (A) the Indiana utility regulatory commission; (B) service providers and customers; and (C) experts, stakeholders, or other interested parties. Provides that if the topic is assigned to the committee, the committee shall issue a final report, including any recommendations for legislation, to the council not later than November 1, 2017.

Effective: July 1, 2017.

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January 24, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on Utilities, Energy and Telecommunications.



First Regular Session of the 120th General Assembly (2017)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2016 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT concerning utilities.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017] (a) As used in this
2 SECTION, "legislative council" refers to the legislative council
3 established by IC 2-5-1.1-1.
4 (b) As used in this SECTION, "committee" refers to the interim
5 study committee on energy, utilities, and telecommunications
6 established by IC 2-5-1.3-4(8).
7 (c) The legislative council is urged to assign to the committee
8 during the 2017 legislative interim the topic of universal service
9 funding for telecommunications services in Indiana.
10 (d) If the topic described in subsection (c) is assigned to the
11 committee, the committee may:
12 (1) consider, as part of its study:
13 (A) the types of service on which the Indiana universal
14 surcharge is imposed;
15 (B) the types of service for which disbursements from the
16 Indiana universal service fund may be used;
17 (C) the eligibility requirements for service providers to
18 receive disbursements from the Indiana universal service



- 1 **fund; and**
2 **(D) any other matter concerning:**
3 **(i) universal service reform; or**
4 **(ii) high cost or universal service funding mechanisms;**
5 **that the committee considers appropriate; and**
6 **(2) request information from:**
7 **(A) the Indiana utility regulatory commission;**
8 **(B) service providers and customers; and**
9 **(C) any experts, stakeholders, or other interested parties;**
10 **concerning the issues set forth in subdivision (1).**
11 **(e) If the topic described in subsection (c) is assigned to the**
12 **committee, the committee shall issue a final report to the legislative**
13 **council containing the committee's findings and recommendations,**
14 **including any recommended legislation concerning the topic**
15 **described in subsection (c) or the specific issues described in**
16 **subsection (d)(1), in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6 not later**
17 **than November 1, 2017.**
18 **(f) This SECTION expires December 31, 2017.**

