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HOUSE BILL 113

53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2017

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AN ACT

RELATING TO INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY; PROVIDING FOR THE CHIEF
INFORMATION OFFICER TO ESTABLISH A STATEWIDE BROADBAND NETWORK.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. [NEW MATERIAL] CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER--
STATEWIDE BROADBAND NETWORK.--

A. The chief information officer shall establish
and maintain a statewide broadband network and apply for
reimbursements from the federal universal service fund pursuant
to Section 254 of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996,
47 U.S.C. 254, as such section existed on January 1, 2006, on
behalf of state agencies, political subdivisions and
educational institutions that request to be included in the
network.

B. The chief information officer, in partnership

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1 with the public education department, the higher education
2 department, political subdivisions and state universities and
3 other educational institutions, shall develop and maintain a
4 statewide, multipurpose, high-capacity, scalable
5 telecommunications and broadband network. The network shall
6 consist of contractual arrangements with providers to meet the
7 demand of state agencies, political subdivisions and
8 educational institutions. The network shall provide access to
9 a reliable and affordable infrastructure capable of carrying a
10 spectrum of services and applications, including distance
11 education, across the state. The chief information officer
12 shall provide access on a voluntary basis to each school
13 district, each community college, each state college and each
14 four-year state university at the earliest feasible date.
15 Access may be provided through educational service units or
16 other aggregation points. The chief information officer shall
17 aggregate demand for those state agencies and educational
18 institutions choosing to participate and shall reduce costs for
19 participants whenever feasible. The chief information officer
20 shall establish a cost structure based on actual costs,
21 including necessary administrative expenses, but not including
22 administrative travel or conference expenses, and shall charge
23 participants according to such cost structure.

24 C. The chief information officer shall adopt
25 technical standards for connection to the statewide broadband

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