

### Fiscal Estimate - 2015 Session

Original     
  Updated     
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  Supplemental

LRB Number <b>15-2822/1</b>	Introduction Number <b>AB-0396</b>
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**Description**  
 Provider of last resort obligations of certain telecommunications providers

**Fiscal Effect**

**State:**

No State Fiscal Effect  
 Indeterminate  
 Increase Existing Appropriations     
  Increase Existing Revenues  
 Decrease Existing Appropriations     
  Decrease Existing Revenues  
 Create New Appropriations

Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget  
 Yes       No  
 Decrease Costs

**Local:**

No Local Government Costs  
 Indeterminate

1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	5. Types of Local Government Units Affected <input type="checkbox"/> Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Cities <input type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others <input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts
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<b>Fund Sources Affected</b>	<b>Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS	

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## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The fiscal impact is indeterminate. No requests for waivers have ever been filed under the original provisions, and the PSC has never had to investigate service offerings under this chapter. The only potential cost would arise if it became necessary to adjudicate the meaning of adding the word "effectively" in 196.503(2)(a). This addition would appear to change the requirement from one of a tariffed service offering to potentially something less. However, there is no evidence that any provider would seek to exploit that change in a manner detrimental to customers. If providers did not, no adjudication would be required.

The fiscal estimate of this bill on local governments, businesses and homeowners is not determinable. The addition of the word "effectively" in 196.503(2)(a) raises the potential for some lesser level of service or availability, or for voice service to be provided in a way that is less valuable or usable by customers. This would require both a determination that the addition of the word "effectively" allows for a change in service offering and a desire on the part of providers to make that change.

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications