



# OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

## Sub. Bill Comparative Synopsis

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This table summarizes how the latest substitute version of the bill differs from the immediately preceding version. It addresses only the topics on which the two versions differ substantively. It does not list topics on which the two bills are substantively the same.

Topic	Previous Version (As Introduced)	Sub. Version (L_132_1864-2)
Incorporating state policy	Requires the Ohio Broadband development Program (Program) to incorporate the state's existing-law policy to provide incentives for competing providers of telecommunications service to provide advanced, high-quality telecommunications service to citizens throughout the state (R.C. 122.971).	No provision.
Entities eligible to apply: nonprofit entities (R.C. 122.973(C))	Provides that nonprofit entities organized to provide telecommunications services are eligible to apply for a Program grant.	Provides that nonprofit entities are eligible to apply for a Program grant.

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Entities eligible to apply: cooperatives (R.C. 122.973(D))	Provides that co-ops organized to provide phone and Internet services are eligible to apply for a Program grant.	Provides that cooperatives are eligible to apply for a Program grant.
Entities eligible to apply: satellite companies	No provision.	Provides that companies providing satellite services are eligible to apply for a Program grant (R.C. 122.973(E)).
Required information in application: necessary resources and business plan	No provision.	Requires Program grant applications to include the following: (1) Evidence demonstrating that the eligible applicant has the financial, technical, and managerial resources necessary to complete the project and provide ongoing maintenance and upgrades to the broadband infrastructure; (2) A business plan demonstrating that the broadband service to be provided will be sustainable after the Program grant award is exhausted. (R.C. 122.974(K) and (L).)



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Priority for open access networks	Requires the Director of Development Services, when reviewing applications, to give priority to applicants who provide for the implementation of open access networks that offer wholesale access to network infrastructure or services (R.C. 122.975(A)(9)).	No provision.
Public notice of awards	No provision.	Requires the Director of Development Services to provide public notice of each Program grant awarded (R.C. 122.975(C)).
Authority to deny a grant application	Gives the Director of Development Services the <i>discretion</i> to deny a Program grant application if an existing provider in the area is providing or planning to provide broadband service or commits to the timely completion or provision of broadband service (R.C. 122.975(C)).	<i>Requires</i> the Director of Development Services to deny a Program grant application if an existing provider in the area is providing or planning to provide broadband service or commits to the timely completion or provision of broadband service (R.C. 122.975(D)).
Program grant award challenge	No provision.	Establishes a process to permit an entity that provides broadband service in the state to challenge a Program grant award for a proposed project area. Requires the challenge to meet certain requirements including that the Director of Development Services receive the challenge not later than 30 days after the Program grant is awarded.

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		<p>Requires the Director to review and act on the challenge as follows not later than 30 days after receiving it: (1) reject the challenge, (2) allow appropriate amendment of the Program grant application, or (3) terminate the Program grant award and relocate the funds <i>(R.C. 122.978 to 122.9711).</i></p>

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