

## Department of Planning and Budget 2002 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number** HB1021

<b>House of Origin</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
<b>Second House</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

**2. Patron** Marshall, D.W.

**3. Committee** Passed both houses

**4. Title** Local telecommunications services.

**5. Summary/Purpose:**

This proposal allows a locality, electric commission or board, industrial development authority, or economic development authority in certain underserved areas to offer qualifying telecommunications services, or enter into public-private partnerships to offer such qualifying telecommunications services. A "qualifying telecommunications service" is defined as a telecommunications service, which shall include but is not limited to, high-speed data service and Internet access service, of general application, which is not otherwise generally available competitively in the geographic area in which the service will be offered by an entity other than the county, city, town, electric commission or board, industrial development authority, or economic development authority. Such services may be provided only after approval by the State Corporation Commission.

**6. No Fiscal Impact:** See Item 8.

**7. Budget amendment necessary:** No

**8. Fiscal implications:** There could be a small fiscal impact to the State Corporation Commission to review and approve the application requests. These costs can be absorbed within existing agency funding.

**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** State Corporation Commission.

**10. Technical amendment necessary:** No

**11. Other comments:** This proposal is similar to SB245.

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