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Chapter 16. Access to Telecommunications Service

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Purpose of chapter

Sec. 1. The purpose of this chapter is to effectively:

- (1) provide the methods and means by which all schools and libraries may receive access to resources available through technology and telecommunications services; and
- (2) maximize the eligibility, availability, and use of the federal and state funding mechanisms.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.4.

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"Telecommunications services and equipment"

Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "telecommunications services and equipment" includes all telecommunication services and equipment eligible for universal service fund discounts as described:

- (1) in the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (P.L.104-104, 110 Stat. 56 (1996)) and applicable regulations or orders issued under that act;
- (2) by the Indiana utility regulatory commission as allowed under the federal act; or
- (3) in the office of technology established by IC 4-13.1-2-1 or state library technology grant programs.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.4. Amended by P.L.177-2005, SEC.41.

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Coordination of funds and funding mechanisms

Sec. 3. The office of technology established by IC 4-13.1-2-1, with the department of education and the state library, shall coordinate available federal and state funds and funding mechanisms to accomplish full access to telecommunications services and equipment by all schools, libraries, and rural health care providers as defined in:

- (1) the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (P.L.104-104, 110 Stat. 56 (1996)) and regulations or orders issued under that act; or
- (2) any regulations or orders issued by the Indiana utility regulatory commission in fulfillment of the state's obligations under the act.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.4. Amended by P.L.177-2005, SEC.42.