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Present law provides relative to the Local Government Fair Competition Act.

Present law provides for definitions and defines "covered services" as telecommunications services, advanced services, and cable television services, individually and collectively, and regardless of the technology used to provide those services. Defines "advanced service" as high-speed Internet access capability in excess of 144 kilobits per second both upstream and downstream.

Present law allows a local government to provide covered services to one or more subscribers and to purchase, lease, construct, maintain, or operate a facility for the purpose of providing covered services provided that before engaging or offering covered services the local government holds a public hearing, conducts a feasability study, and calls an election for authorization to issue bonds to finance the provisions of covered services.

Proposed law creates an exception to the requirements of present law that allows a local government that owns a public airport to do both of the following:

(1) Provide advanced services to such airport.

(2) Purchase, lease, construct, maintain, or operate any facility for the purpose of providing the airport with advanced services.

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(Adds R.S. 45:844.45.1)