

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 891

BY REPRESENTATIVE DESHOTEL

TECHNOLOGY: Provides relative to the procurement of internet services and wide area networks services and systems by state agencies

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 39:15.3(D) and 1752(8) and to enact R.S. 39:141(C), relative to  
3 telecommunications; to provide with respect to the powers and duties of the offices  
4 of technology services and telecommunications management; to remove certain  
5 exclusive authority from such offices; to provide for applicability; to provide an  
6 effective date; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 39:15.3(D) and 1752(8) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.  
9 39:141(C) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §15.3. Office of technology services; offices and staff; duties

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12 D.(1) The information, technology, personnel, agency resources, and records  
13 of the Integrated Criminal Justice Information System as established by R.S. 15:1228  
14 through 1228.8 and its components shall be excluded from the provisions of this Part  
15 and shall not be under the authority of the office of technology services.

16 (2) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the authority to  
17 provide internet services and wide area network systems or services is not exclusive  
18 to the office of technology services or the office of telecommunications  
19 management. Nothing in this Paragraph shall prohibit an agency from contracting

1 with the office of technology services or the office of telecommunications  
2 management for internet services or wide area network systems or services.

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4 §141. Duties of the office of telecommunications management

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6 C. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the authority to  
7 provide internet services and wide area network systems or services is not exclusive  
8 to the office of technology services or the office of telecommunications  
9 management. Nothing in this Subsection shall prohibit an agency from contracting  
10 with the office of technology services or the office of telecommunications  
11 management for internet services or wide area network systems or services.

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13 §1752. Definitions

14 For the purposes of this Part, the following words and phrases shall be  
15 defined as follows:

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17 (8)(a) "Telecommunications systems", which shall include telecommunications  
18 equipment and related services, and "telecommunications services" are limited to the  
19 equipment and services and means to provide:

20 (a) (i) Telecommunications transmission facilities and services.

21 (b) (ii) Voice telecommunications systems and services.

22 (c) (iii) Local area network systems and services.

23 (d) (iv) ~~Wide area network systems and services.~~

24 (e) Video systems and services, except those video systems and services  
25 specifically reserved to the Louisiana Educational Television Authority pursuant to  
26 R.S. 17:2501.

27 (f) (v) Wireless systems and services to include, but not be limited to,  
28 cellular and personal communications systems.



Present law (R.S. 39:140 et seq.) establishes OTM within OTS. Gives OTM exclusive authority over the acquisition, billing, and recordkeeping of all telecommunications systems or telecommunications services provided to state agencies. Proposed law provides that the authority to provide internet services and wide area network systems or services is not exclusive to OTS or OTM. Does not prohibit an agency from contracting with OTS or OTM for internet services or wide area network systems or services.

Present law (R.S. 39:1751 et seq.) establishes special procurement provisions for the state purchase of telecommunications systems and services and—with specific exceptions outlined in present law—designates OTM as the exclusive contractor for such systems and services. Further defines "telecommunications systems" and "telecommunications services" to mean the telecommunications equipment and services to provide certain enumerated offerings, including voice telecommunications systems and services, wide area network systems and services, and wireless systems and services. Proposed law specifically excludes internet services and wide area network systems or services from the definition of "telecommunications systems" and "telecommunications services".

Provides that proposed law does not apply to any contract for internet services or wide area network systems or services in effect on the effective date of proposed law, but does apply to any extension or renewal of such contract.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 39:15.3(D) and 1752(8); Adds R.S. 39:141(C))