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Overview

Authorizes telecommunications providers to offer reduced priced services under a pricing plan to state government entities and public and private education institutions.

Section

- 1 Authorizes providers of telecommunications services regulated by the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to offer pricing plans with reduced rates for basic and advanced telecommunications services. The pricing plans may be offered to state agencies, public and private educational institutions, public corporations, and political subdivisions of the state, individually or collectively, but does not include home schools or for profit post secondary institutions. The services provided under a pricing plan may be used solely by the entities covered by this section. The PUC is required to approve the terms and conditions of any state government telecommunications pricing plan prior to being offered by a telephone company or telecommunications carrier.
- 2 Amends the sunset provision for the right-of-way appeal process to provide only for the sunset of the binding arbitration process.
- 3 Provides that sections 1 and 2 are effective the day following final enactment.