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Short Title: Telecommunications/Universal Service Payments. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Tine, Saine, Horn, and Waddell (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT PROVIDING THAT TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE PROVIDERS SHALL  
3 ANNUALLY REPORT TO THE UTILITIES COMMISSION THE AMOUNT OF  
4 UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT PAYMENTS RECEIVED BY THE PROVIDER  
5 FROM THE UNIVERSAL SUPPORT FUND AND THE MANNER IN WHICH THE  
6 PROVIDER USED THE FUNDS TO PROVIDE UNIVERSAL SERVICE TO ITS  
7 CUSTOMERS.

8 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

9 SECTION 1. Article 3 of Chapter 62 of the General Statutes is amended by adding  
10 a new section to read as follows:

11 "**§ 62-36.2. Reports by telecommunications service providers on universal service support**  
12 **payments.**

13 Beginning in 2015, all providers of telecommunications service required to contribute to the  
14 Universal Service Fund (USF) under the Telecommunications Act of 1996, as amended, shall  
15 annually report to the Commission (i) the total amount of universal service support payments  
16 distributed to the provider by the Universal Service Administrative Company from the USF for  
17 services provided in this State and the individual disbursements for the high-cost, lifeline, rural  
18 health care (Healthcare Connect Fund), and schools and libraries (eRate funding) support  
19 mechanisms and (ii) the manner in which the payments were used to provide universal service  
20 to the provider's customers in this State, including a summary of payments used for each of the  
21 support mechanisms. The report shall be due no later than June 31 of each year and shall  
22 include the information required by this section for the prior calendar year. The report shall be  
23 in the form required by the Commission and shall be under oath. The Commission may issue an  
24 order, without notice or hearing, canceling or suspending any certificate of convenience and  
25 necessity 30 days after the date of service of the order for failing to file the required annual  
26 report at the time it was due. In the event the report is filed during the 30-day period, the order  
27 of cancellation or suspension shall be null and void."

28 SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to all universal  
29 service support payments distributed on or after December 31, 2013.

