

SENATE BILL No. 284

By Committee on Ways and Means

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Proposed Amendments to Senate Bill No. 284  
Senate Committee on Utilities  
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1 AN ACT concerning disability services; relating to telecommunications  
2 and information access services; establishing the blind information  
3 access act; requiring the state librarian to contract with an organization  
4 to provide on-demand information access services to persons who are  
5 blind, visually impaired, deafblind or print disabled; establishing the  
6 blind information access fund; requiring the transfer of moneys from  
7 the Kansas universal service fund to provide for such services;  
8 amending K.S.A. 66-2010 and repealing the existing section.  
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10 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

11 New Section 1. (a) This act shall be known and may be cited as the  
12 blind information access act.

13 (b) The state librarian shall estimate the cost of entering into a  
14 contract with an organization that delivers on-demand information access  
15 services to persons who are blind, visually impaired, deafblind, print  
16 disabled or who have another disability. Such services shall provide access  
17 to digital content through audio, electronic text and braille reading  
18 technologies and other related services, including, but not limited to,  
19 Kansas specific publications, national publications, international  
20 publications, breaking news sources and localized emergency weather  
21 alerts. Such on-demand information access services shall be provided  
22 using telecommunication services or internet services.

23 (c) On or before ~~January 8, 2024~~, the state librarian shall submit a  
24 report to the legislature ~~that~~ specifies the estimate of the cost to enter into a  
25 contract to provide such on-demand information access services.

26 ~~(d) On March 15, 2024, and on March 15 each year thereafter, the~~  
27 ~~state librarian shall certify the cost to enter into or renew such contract to~~  
28 the director of accounts and reports and the administrator of the Kansas  
29 universal service fund. Upon receipt of such certification, the amount  
30 certified shall be transferred by the administrator of the Kansas universal  
31 service fund from the Kansas universal service fund to the state treasurer  
32 who shall credit such amount to the blind information access fund.

33 (e) Upon receipt of the amount certified pursuant to subsection (d),  
34 the state librarian shall enter into or renew the contract required pursuant  
35 to this section.

36 (f) There is hereby created in the state treasury the blind information

November 1 each year

and state corporation commission

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