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2007 ASSEMBLY BILL 619

December 11, 2007 - Introduced by Law Revision Committee. Referred to Committee on Energy and Utilities.

AN ACT to amend 196.218 (5) (a) 6. of the statutes; relating to: use of universal service fund to pay for certain telecommunications services provided to the University of Wisconsin System (suggested as remedial legislation by the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System).

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the Public Service Commission must require certain telecommunications providers to make contributions to the universal service fund (USF), which is used for promoting universal telecommunications service and for other specified purposes. One of the specified purposes is to pay the Department of Administration (DOA) for telecommunications services provided by DOA to the campuses of the University of Wisconsin (UW) System. This bill changes that purpose so that the USF may be used to pay BadgerNet Converged Network (BCN) service providers for telecommunications services provided by DOA to the campuses of the UW System. (DOA has contracted with BCN for providing such services.)

For further information, see the Notes provided by the Law Revision Committee of the Joint Legislative Council.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

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Law Revision Committee prefatory note: This bill is a remedial legislation proposal, requested by the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System and introduced by the Law Revision Committee under s. 13.83 (1) (c) 4., stats. After careful consideration of the various provisions of the bill, the Law Revision Committee has determined that this bill makes minor substantive changes in the statutes, and that these changes are desirable as a matter of public policy.

- SECTION 1. 196.218 (5) (a) 6. of the statutes, as affected by 2007 Wisconsin Act 20, is amended to read:
- 196.218 **(5)** (a) 6. To pay the department of administration BadgerNet

 Converged Network service providers for telecommunications services provided

 under s. 16.972 (1) to the campuses of the University of Wisconsin System.

Note: This bill corrects language in current law relating to the University of Wisconsin System's payment mechanism for BadgerNet telecommunications services. The contract is no longer held by the department of administration, but is held by AT&T. This statutory change enables payment to whoever is the entity that is the BadgerNet converged network service provider.

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