

Amend CSHB 789 by adding the following appropriately number SECTION to the bill and renumbering the subsequent SECTIONS of the bill as appropriate:

SECTION _____. Subchapter A, Chapter 57, Utilities Code, is amended by adding Section 57.004 to read as follows:

Sec. 57.004. RESALE BY CERTAIN ENTITIES. (a) This section applies only to the Texas-Louisiana border region.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a public junior college or other institution of higher education, as defined by Section 61.003, Education Code, may resell at a discounted rate high-speed access to the Internet to an industrial development corporation created under the Development Corporation Act of 1979 (Article 5190.6, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes) or another local governmental entity if there is no provider of private high-speed Internet services that provides those services in the boundaries of the corporation or governmental entity, not including a provider of cable services. The corporation or other local governmental entity may use the high-speed Internet access only for economic development purposes.