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H.B. No. 2081

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the funding of certain programs and services through the universal service fund.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 56, Utilities Code, is amended by adding Section 56.027 to read as follows:

Sec. 56.027. FUNDING OF CERTAIN PROGRAMS AND SERVICES. The commission shall provide funding in an amount equal to not less than 15 percent of the funds collected under this subchapter to:

(1) reimburse the department, the Texas Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, and the commission for costs incurred in implementing this chapter and Chapter 57;

(2) reimburse a telecommunications provider for providing lifeline service access to customers; and

(3) finance the implementation and administration of an integrated eligibility process created under Section 17.007.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.