

Kentucky Communications Network Authority oversees all aspects of KentuckyWired, the Commonwealth's open-access, broadband network. KentuckyWired is a physical system of high-capacity fiber optic cable, also referred to as the middle mile or backbone, infrastructure that delivers broadband service to every county in Kentucky. Anywhere along its path, local public or private ISPs are able to connect to the network.

The Kentucky League of Cities reports that 13 cities operate a telecommunication system that provides internet service. They are not aware of any providers that have paid prioritization agreements and believe that it is unlikely that any of the 13 do.

The fiscal impact of HB 422 on local governments is expected to be zero to minimal. Local government controlled or owned ISPs may have to modify existing contracts to incorporate the required provisions outlined above. This work should be mostly administrative.

Part III: Differences to Local Government Mandate Statement from Prior Versions

Part II, above, pertains to the bill as introduced.

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