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Committee: Executive Board

A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to the State Capitol; to amend section
2 81-1120.27, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2010;
3 to provide for public wireless Internet access; to
4 provide for use by employees and officials; and to repeal
5 the original section.

6 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. The Department of Administrative Services
2 shall provide public wireless Internet access throughout the State
3 Capitol. The public wireless Internet access is deemed to be an
4 essential public function and shall be provided at no charge to the
5 user. The department may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations
6 relating to network safety, reliability, and access.

7 Sec. 2. Section 81-1120.27, Revised Statutes Cumulative
8 Supplement, 2010, is amended to read:

9 81-1120.27 (1) The facilities of the state's
10 telecommunications systems are provided for the conduct of state
11 business. In addition, the state's telecommunications systems,
12 cellular telephones, electronic handheld devices, ~~or~~ computers, or
13 public wireless Internet access in the State Capitol may be used by
14 state employees and officials for emails, text messaging, local
15 calls, and long-distance calls to children at home, teachers,
16 doctors, day care centers, baby-sitters, family members, or others to
17 inform them of unexpected schedule changes, and for other essential
18 personal business. Any such use for essential personal business shall
19 be kept to a minimum and shall not interfere with the conduct of
20 state business. A state employee or official shall be responsible for
21 payment or reimbursement of charges, if any, that directly result
22 from any such communication. The Department of Administrative
23 Services may establish procedures for reimbursement of charges
24 pursuant to this section.

25 (2) A member of the Legislature, while engaged in

1 legislative business, may make personal long-distance calls on the
2 state telecommunications system or by using his or her state credit
3 card. At the end of every month upon the member's receipt of his or
4 her long-distance call record, the personal long-distance calls shall
5 be designated by the member and the member billed for such calls.
6 Reimbursement to the state for such personal long-distance calls by
7 the member shall be made within thirty days from the date of
8 designation.

9 (3) A member of the Legislature, at his or her own sole
10 discretion, may designate any long-distance call as sensitive or
11 confidential in nature. If a long-distance call is designated as
12 sensitive or confidential in nature, any long-distance call record
13 used in an audit shall contain only the date the long-distance call
14 was made and the cost of the call. In no case shall the person
15 conducting the audit have access to a long-distance call number
16 designated as sensitive or confidential in nature by the member
17 without the written consent of the member. No calls made to or by a
18 member of the Legislature which are sensitive or confidential in
19 nature shall be required to be disclosed except that such calls shall
20 be so designated by the member, and only the amount of the call and
21 such designation shall be made available to a person conducting an
22 audit.

23 For purposes of this subsection, sensitive or
24 confidential in nature shall mean that either the member of the
25 Legislature or the caller would reasonably expect that the nature or

1 the content of the call would not be disclosed to another person
2 without the consent of the member and the caller.

3 Sec. 3. Original section 81-1120.27, Revised Statutes
4 Cumulative Supplement, 2010, is repealed.