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SENATE BILL NO. 114

BY SENATOR APPEL

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

INTERNET. Authorizes local governments to provide high-speed Internet in public airports. (8/1/17)

1	AN ACT
2	To enact R.S. 45:844.45.1, relative to advanced service; to authorize local government to
3	provide advanced services in public airports; to provide for terms and conditions; and
4	to provide for related matters.
5	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
6	Section 1. R.S. 45:844.45.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:
7	<u>§844.45.1. Advanced service; airports</u>
8	Notwithstanding any provision of state law to the contrary and except as
9	otherwise required by federal law, a local government that owns a public
10	airport is hereby authorized to do the following:
11	(1) Provide advanced services to such airport.
12	(2) Purchase, lease, construct, maintain, or operate any facility for the
13	purpose of providing advanced services to the public airport.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Michelle Ridge.

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Present law provides relative to the Local Government Fair Competition Act.

<u>Present law</u> provides for definitions and defines "covered services" as telecommunications services, advanced services, and cable television services, individually and collectively, and regardless of the technology used to provide those services. Defines "advanced service" as high-speed Internet access capability in excess of 144 kilobits per second both upstream and downstream.

<u>Present law</u> allows a local government to provide covered services to one or more subscribers and to purchase, lease, construct, maintain, or operate a facility for the purpose of providing covered services provided that before engaging or offering covered services the local government holds a public hearing, conducts a feasability study, and calls an election for authorization to issue bonds to finance the provisions of covered services.

<u>Proposed law</u> creates an exception to the requirements of <u>present law</u> that allows a local government that owns a public airport to do both of the following:

- (1) Provide advanced services to such airport.
- (2) Purchase, lease, construct, maintain, or operate any facility for the purpose of providing the airport with advanced services.

Effective August 1, 2017.

(Adds R.S. 45:844.45.1)