

**Legislative Performance Audit Committee
2020 Regulations Report**

1. Agency: Nebraska Public Service Commission
2. Were any bills passed **in 2020** that will require your agency to promulgate regulations?
 - Yes
 - No (If no, go to question 3.)

If yes, what is the bill number and subject of the regulation?

Year Passed	Bill Number	Subject of Regulation
2020	734	Transportation Rules Amending Title 291 Chapter 5: To create rules regarding signage that distinguishes between buses providing special party services and buses providing charter services. The signage will also distinguish between those bus services with alcohol present.
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3. Were any bills passed **in 2019** that required your agency to promulgate regulations?
 - Yes
 - No (If no, go to question 5.)

If yes, what is the bill number, effective date of the bill, public hearing date, and regulation status?

Year Passed	Bill Number	Subject of Regulation	Effective Date of Bill	Date of Public Hearing	Status of Regulation
2019					

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4. Did any of the bills passed **in 2019** have an appropriation?

Yes

No (If no, go to question 5.)

If yes, how are the funds being used while the promulgation process takes place?

Year Passed	Bill Number	Appropriation Status
2019		
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5. Does your agency have any regulations required by bills passed **in 2018 or any year before 2018** that have not yet gone into effect?

Yes

No (If no, go to question 8.)

If yes, what is the bill number, year passed, effective date of the bill, public hearing date, and regulation status?

Year Passed	Bill Number	Subject of Regulation	Effective Date of Bill	Date of Public Hearing	Status of Regulation
2018	994	Telecommunications and Universal Service Fund Requirements	April 17, 2018	May 20, 2020. (Previously the Commission held a hearing on May 19, 2019 and a public	The proposed rules were modified in part due to comments made during the first public hearing and subsequent workshop. A second public hearing was to be held in March of 2020. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Commission needed to re-notice the hearing as a virtual hearing. Thus, the public hearing was delayed and re-noticed.

				workshop on August 6, 2019.)	<p>The public hearing on the revised rules draft was held on May 20, 2020. A Certificate of Adoption on the proposed rules will likely be issued soon in the Commission’s July public meeting.</p> <p>We note that the rules pursuant to this bill are intended to compliment the Federal Communications Commission’s (FCC) Reverse Auction process for distributing universal service funding. The FCC issued its Reverse Auction rules on January 30, 2020 for the upcoming October 29, 2020 reverse auction.</p>
2018	993	Technical quality assurance, training, and funding standards governing next generation 911 service statewide.	April 4, 2018	Pending	<p>LB 993 states the Commission shall adopt rules and regulations necessary to carry out the 911 Service System Act. A preliminary draft of proposed regulations has been prepared by staff. However, LB 993 also provides for important steps that must be taken prior to the adoption of final regulations and the implementation of next generation 911. In addition to requiring new regulations, LB 993 created the 911 Service System Advisory Committee which has responsibility to recommend regulations to be adopted in order to implement next generation 911 service in Nebraska.</p> <p>As required by the Act, 14 members of the Advisory Committee have been appointed, representing local government and public safety agencies from all regions of the State. With the help of a 911 consultant selected through an RFP process, the Committee’s working groups are actively developing recommendations for system design, funding, call center operations, call taker training, and disaster recovery. These recommendations will develop into the technical</p>

					and operational standards governing next generation 911 service in Nebraska that will need to be promulgated in new regulations to be adopted by the Public Service Commission. This process may require several years to fully complete. A preliminary draft of proposed regulations has been prepared by staff. In addition to requiring new regulations, LB 993 created the 911 Service System Advisory Committee which has responsibility to recommend regulations to be adopted in order to implement next generation 911 service in Nebraska.

6. For any bill your agency listed in question 5, please explain why the regulation has not been promulgated. If an explanation was provided in the question five table, simply write “see above explanation”.

Year Passed	Bill Number	Explanation for Timeframe of Promulgation

7. Did any of the bills passed **in 2018 or earlier** have an appropriation?

- Yes
- No

If yes, how has the agency used the funds while the promulgation process takes place?

Year Passed	Bill Number	Appropriation Status

8. Who should our office contact with questions about this report?

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