

(1) CONTRACT WITH A PRIVATE VENDOR OR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION TO PROVIDE THE INFORMATION AND REFERRAL SERVICE REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION ~~(A)(2)~~ (A)(3) OF THIS SECTION; AND

(2) PROVIDE APPROPRIATE STAFF ASSISTANCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT TO ASSIST THE BOARD IN CARRYING OUT ITS DUTIES UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

~~3A-506.~~ 3A-505.

THE DEPARTMENT IN CONSULTATION WITH THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBTITLE.

~~3A-507.~~ 3A-506.

(A) THE PROGRAMS UNDER ~~§ 3A-503~~ § 3A-504(A) OF THIS SUBTITLE AND § 3A-602(A) OF THIS TITLE SHALL BE FUNDED AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

(B) THERE IS A UNIVERSAL SERVICE TRUST FUND CREATED FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE COSTS OF MAINTAINING AND OPERATING THE PROGRAM UNDER ~~§ 3A-503~~ § 3A-504(A) OF THIS SUBTITLE SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATIONS AND CONTROLS PROVIDED IN THIS SUBTITLE, AND THE PROGRAM UNDER § 3A-602(A) OF THIS TITLE SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATIONS AND CONTROLS PROVIDED IN SUBTITLE 6 OF THIS TITLE. MONEYS IN THE UNIVERSAL SERVICE TRUST FUND SHALL BE HELD IN THE STATE TREASURY.

(C) (1) THE COSTS OF THE PROGRAMS UNDER ~~§ 3A-503~~ § 3A-504(A) OF THIS SUBTITLE AND § 3A-602(A) OF THIS TITLE SHALL BE FUNDED BY REVENUES GENERATED BY A SURCHARGE TO BE PAID BY THE SUBSCRIBERS TO SWITCHED LOCAL EXCHANGE ACCESS SERVICE AND BY OTHER FUNDS AS THE BUDGET MAY PROVIDE.

(2) THE SURCHARGE MAY NOT EXCEED 45 CENTS PER MONTH AND SHALL BE APPLIED TO ALL CURRENT BILLS RENDERED FOR SWITCHED LOCAL EXCHANGE ACCESS SERVICE IN THE STATE. THE SURCHARGE IS PAYABLE AT THE TIME THE BILLS FOR TELEPHONE SERVICE ARE DUE.

(D) (1) THE SECRETARY SHALL ANNUALLY CERTIFY TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION THE COSTS OF THE PROGRAMS UNDER ~~§ 3A-503~~ § 3A-504(A) OF THIS SUBTITLE AND § 3A-602(A) OF THIS TITLE TO BE PAID BY THE UNIVERSAL SERVICE TRUST FUND.