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H 2453. BROADBAND AVAILABILITY REPORTING REQUIRED. Filed 5/21/08. *REQUIRING COMPANIES AND OTHER ENTITIES OFFERING BROADBAND INTERNET SERVICES TO PROVIDE ANNUAL REPORTS TO THE E-NC AUTHORITY REGARDING SERVICE AREAS AND AVAILABILITY OF BROADBAND SERVICES WITHIN THOSE AREAS.*

Adds new GS 143B-437.48 requiring any company (or local government entity) offering high-speed broadband Internet access to consumers in this state to report annually to the e-NC Authority on its service areas and its equipment, speed levels, and offerings for broadband services, including maps. Specifies particular information to be included in the report, including specification of service area and identification of all wireless facilities and structures. Information from telephone companies and cable companies to include homes passed and communities served. Provides that proprietary information supplied is not subject to disclosure under the Public Records Law.

Intro. by Faison, Bryant.

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June 25, 2008

H 2453. BROADBAND AVAILABILITY REPORTING REQUIRED. Filed 5/21/08. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Changes references to the "e-NC Authority" to the "Information Systems Division of the North Carolina General Assembly." Adds a requirement that the description and map of a company's service area submitted as part of an annual report must clearly indicate where high-speed broadband services are offered and where they are not and specifies the level of detail and information that must be included in the map. Removes the requirement that (1) the map be submitted graphically and in digital form and (2) reports include latitude/longitude coordinates for wireless facilities and support structures owned, leased, or operated by the company. Removes additional annual reporting requirements for telephone and cable companies subject to reporting. Allows general information collected by the Information Systems Division to be released or published (was, only allowing release or publishing in aggregate amounts that did not identify numbers of subscribers or revenues attributed to individual service providers).