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H 283. CLARIFY BROADBAND INTERNET ACCESS DEFINITION. Filed 2/24/09. *CLARIFYING THE DEFINITION OF BROADBAND INTERNET ACCESS IN NORTH CAROLINA.*

Rewrites GS 62-3(1) to define *broadband service* as an Internet connection that provides capacity for transmission at an average speed of at least 1.5 megabits (was, 200 kilobits) per second downstream and at least 384 (was, 200) kilobits per second upstream, regardless of the technology or medium used for the connection. Specifies that the term does not include certain specified value added services or the transmission of programming by a television or radio station. Also excludes from definition *interstate service* tariffed by the Utilities Commission as of effective date of amendment. Makes conforming change in GS 143B-437.45(4).

Intro. by K. Alexander, Coates, Tillis, Faison. GS 62, 143B

May 11, 2009

H 283. NC BROADBAND TASK FORCE (NEW). Filed 2/24/09. House committee substitute deletes all of the provisions of the 1st edition and replaces them with *AN ACT CREATING THE NORTH CAROLINA BROADBAND TASK FORCE, TO FOCUS ON EXPANDING BROADBAND ACCESS AND USAGE I NORTH CAROLINA.*

Adds new Part 21, *North Carolina Broadband Task Force*, to GS Chapter 143B, Article 10. Creates the 35-member North Carolina Broadband Task Force (Task Force) in the Department of Commerce (Department) to bring together public and private stakeholders to (1) remove barriers to broadband access, (2) identify opportunities for increased broadband adoption, and (3) enable the creation and deployment of new advanced communication technologies. Provides that the composition of the Task Force membership is to include specified representatives from state and local government entities. Also provides for the appointment of 11 members each by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate (President Pro Tem) and the Speaker of the House of Representatives (Speaker) and directs the President Pro Tem and the Speaker to make their appointments to the Task Force not later than 30 days after the adjournment of the 2009 Regular Session of the General Assembly. Provides that all members of the Task Force are to be voting members and serve two year terms. Directs the Task Force to meet quarterly and provides that a majority of the members present and voting constitutes a quorum. Provides that vacancies are to be filled by the original appointing authority using the criteria set out in Part 21. States the duties of the Task Force. Requires the Task Force to provide a preliminary report to the President Pro Tem, the Speaker, and the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Information Technology by December 31, 2009, and a comprehensive report by June 30, 2010, that makes specific recommendations as to how the state can take advantage of opportunities for broadband access and eliminate any barriers to broadband access and adoption. Directs the Task Force to submit annual reports to the General Assembly, beginning January 1, 2011, and annually thereafter, on or before the convening of the regular session. Provides that the Task Force may submit interim reports at any time that it deems appropriate.

June 8, 2009

H 283. NC BROADBAND TASK FORCE. Filed 2/24/09. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Retains the provisions from the previous edition, unless otherwise noted, but no longer codifies them in proposed new Part 21 of GS 143B, Article 10. Deletes that the NC Broadband Task Force (Task Force) is established within the Department of Commerce. Deletes that (1) beginning January 1, 2011, and annually thereafter, the Task Force must submit annual reports to the General Assembly by the convening of the regular session each year and (2) the Task Force may submit interim reports when it deems appropriate. Makes organizational and technical changes.