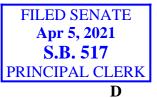
GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2021



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SENATE BILL DRS45270-MQa-68B

Short Title:	Innovative Statewide Broadband Infrastructure.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Senators Newton and Chaudhuri (Primary Sponsors).	
Referred to:		

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2	AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION				
3	TECHNOLOGY FOR THE PREPARATION OF STATEWIDE BROADBAND MAPS				
4	AND TO ESTABLISH THE DEPARTMENT AS THE SOLE SOURCE OF BROADBAND				
5	MAPPING FOR STATE AGENCIES; RELIEVE REGULATORY BURDENS TO				
6	EXPEDITE BROADBAND EXPANSION; ALLOW FOR USE OF EXISTING				
7	EASEMENTS FOR BROADBAND EXPANSION; EXPAND DISTRIBUTION OF STATE				
8	SURPLUS COMPUTERS AND COMPUTER HARDWARE FOR NONPROFITS;				
9	ALLOW LOCAL GOVERNMENT LEASING OF EXISTING BROADBAND				
10	INFRASTRUCTURE; EXPAND FUNDING FOR G.R.E.A.T. PROGRAM BROADBAND				
11	GRANTS; AND PROVIDE STOPGAP INTERNET ACCESS FOR CLASSROOM				
12	ACCESS, HEALTH CARE ACCESS, AND JOB CREATION.				
13	The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:				
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15	PART I. DIT BROADBAND MAPPING				
16	SECTION 1.1. G.S. 143B-1321 reads as rewritten:				
17	"§ 143B-1321. Powers and duties of the Department; cost-sharing with exempt entities.				
18	(a) The Department shall have the following powers and duties:				
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20	(34) Prepare and maintain statewide broadband maps to identify the capabilities				
21	and needs related to broadband access and serve as the sole provider of				
22	broadband mapping for State agencies.				
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24	SECTION 1.2. G.S. 143B-1370 reads as rewritten:				
25	"§ 143B-1370. Communications services.				
26	(a) The State CIO shall exercise authority for telecommunications and other				
27	communications included in information technology relating to the internal management and				
28	operations of State agencies. In discharging that responsibility, the State CIO shall do the				
29	following:				
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31	(5) Provide for the establishment, management, and operation, through either				
32	State ownership, by contract, or through commercial leasing, of the following				
33	systems and services as they affect the internal management and operation of				
34	State agencies:				
35	a. Central telephone systems and telephone networks, including Voice				
36	over Internet Protocol and Commercial Mobile Radio Systems.				
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b.	Satellite services.	
с.	Closed-circuit TV systems.	
d.	Two-way radio systems.	
e.	Microwave systems.	
с. f.	Related systems based on telecom	munication technologies
g.	The "State Network," managed by	the Department, which means any pose of providing Internet Protocol
h.	Broadband.Broadband, including s	serving as the sole source of agency
"	broadband maps.	
SECTION 1	I.3. G.S. 143B-1373 reads as rewritte	en.
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(Office) shall be the de	f Broadband Infrastructure in the Dep esignated agency for receipt and di or broadband expansion and shall see	sbursement of federal grant funds
	l grant funds received for the purpos	
	with this section. The Office shall se	
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-	43B-1370(a)(5)h. Funds received u	
	priated by an act of the General Asses	
"	finded by an act of the General Asso	<u>mory.</u>
	1.4. There is appropriated from the (General Fund to the Department of
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Information Technology the sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2020-2021 fiscal year to be used for broadband mapping in accordance with		
G.S. 143B-1370(a)(5)h.		a mapping in accordance with
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PART II. RELIEVE	C REGULATORY BURDENS T	TO EXPEDITE BROADBAND
EXPANSION		
SECTION	2.1.(a) The Institute for Emergin	g Issues at North Carolina State
	est a structured stakeholder process to	
•	f expediting broadband expansion in	
0	2.1.(b) There is appropriated from the	
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PART VIII. EFFECTIVE DATE

- 1 2 3 4 **SECTION 8.1.** Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective when it becomes law.