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Short Title: DIT/Broadband Mapping -- Funds. (Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FOR THE PREPARATION OF STATEWIDE BROADBAND MAPS AND ESTABLISHING THE DEPARTMENT AS THE SOLE SOURCE OF BROADBAND MAPPING FOR STATE AGENCIES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1.(a) G.S. 143B-1321 reads as rewritten:

"§ 143B-1321. Powers and duties of the Department; cost-sharing with exempt entities.
(a) The Department shall have the following powers and duties:

…

(34) Prepare and maintain statewide broadband maps incorporating current and future federal data along with State data collected by the Department or provided to the Department from other sources to identify the capabilities and needs related to broadband distribution and access, and serve as the sole source provider of broadband mapping for State agencies.

…"

SECTION 1.(b) G.S. 143B-1370 reads as rewritten:

"§ 143B-1370. Communications services.
(a) The State CIO shall exercise authority for telecommunications and other communications included in information technology relating to the internal management and operations of State agencies. In discharging that responsibility, the State CIO shall do the following:

…

(5) Provide for the establishment, management, and operation, through either State ownership, by contract, or through commercial leasing, of the following systems and services as they affect the internal management and operation of State agencies:

b. Satellite services.
c. Closed-circuit TV systems.
d. Two-way radio systems.
e. Microwave systems.
f. Related systems based on telecommunication technologies.
g. The "State Network," managed by the Department, which means any
connectivity designed for the purpose of providing Internet Protocol
transport of information for State agencies.

h. Broadband. Broadband, including serving as the sole source of agency
broadband maps.

"§ 143B-1373. Growing Rural Economies with Access to Technology (GREAT) program."

SECTION 1.(c) G.S. 143B-1373 reads as rewritten:

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